

## Freda Payne

### "Cherish What Is Dear To You"

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CHORUS:

Cherish what's dear to you while it's near to you, don't wait 'til it's gone.

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When I was a baby mama rocked me in her arms whenever I cried.

She picked me up when life knocked me, she was always there by my side.

She said 'One, one day there'll be a man in your life, to take the place of a mother.

Now he, he'll give you joy, a happy life, but swear by this advice:

Chorus

I strayed away from mama's advice, and lost the only man in my life.

I never gave enough of myself, so he found love with somebody else.

Now my lover is gone.? drove him to the arms of another's love.

I lost a love was warm and tender, 'cause I failed to remember:

Chorus

(Musical interlude)

Repeat Chorus twice

