

George Jones "Soldier's Last Letter"

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When the postman delivered the letter
Well, it filled her old heart full of joy
But she didn't know 'til she read the inside
It was the last one from her darling boy

"Dear Mom," was the way that it started
"I miss you so much," it went on
"And Mom, I didn't know that I loved you so
But I'll prove it when this war is won"

"I'm writing this down in a trench, Mom
So don't scold if it isn't so neat
For you know as you did when I was a kid
And would come home with mud on my feet"

"Well, the captain just gave us our orders
And Mom, we will carry them through
I'll finish this letter the first chance I get
But for now I'll just say I love you"

Then the mother's old hands began to tremble
As she fought against tears in her eyes
For they came unashamed, there was no name
And she knew that her darlin' had died

That night as she knelt down by her bedside
She prayed, "Lord above, hear my plea
Protect all the sons who are fighting tonight
And dear God, keep America free"

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