

# Jerry Vale

## "For Mama"

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She said, my son, I beg of you  
I have a wish that must come true  
The last thing you can do for Mama

Please promise me that you will stay  
And take my place while I'm away  
And give the children love each day  
I had to cry, what could I say

How hard I tried to find a word  
I prayed she would not see me cry  
So much to say that should be heard  
But only time to say goodbye to Mama

They say in time that you forget  
Yet still today, my eyes are wet  
I tell myself to smile for Mama

Now soon there'll be another spring  
And I will start remembering  
The way she loved to hear us sing  
Her favorite song, Ave Maria

Ave Maria

The children have all grown up now  
I kept my promise to Mama  
I cannot guide them anymore  
I've done my best, all for Mama

Ave Maria

Still it seems so very small  
For all she did for me

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