

Johnny Cash

"I Dreamed About Mama Last Night"

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I've just been to heaven with someone so true
I dreamed about mama last night
She read me the bible like she used to do
I dreamed about mama last night

She never closed her eyes and sleep till we were all in
bed
And on party nights till we came home she often sat
and read
We little thought about it then for we were young and
gay
Just how much mama worried when we children were
away

We only knew she never slept and when we were out at
night
That she waited just to know that we would all come
home alright
Why sometimes when we'd stay away till one or two or
three
It seems to us that mama heard the turning of the key

For always when we'd step inside she'd call and we'd
reply
But we were all too young back then to understand the
reason why
Until the last one had returned she'd always keep a
light
For mama couldn't sleep until she'd kissed us all
goodnight

She had to know that we were safe before she went to
rest
But she seemed to fear the world might harm
The ones that she loved the best
And once she said, "When you're grown to women and
to men
Perhaps I'll sleep the whole night through, it may be
different then"

And so it seemed that night and day we knew a
mother's care

That always when we got back home we'd find her
waiting there
Then came the night when we were called together
'round her bed
"The children are all with you now", the
kindly doctor said

And in her eyes there gleamed again that old time
tender light
That told that she'd just been waiting just to know that
we were all alright
She smiled that old familiar smile and prayed to God to
keep
Her children safe from harm, then she went to sleep

My dream is a treasure that I'll always keep
I dreamed about mama last night

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