

## Johnny Cash

### "There's A Mother Always Waiting"

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"So, you're going to leave the old home, Jim  
Today you're going away  
So, you're going among the city folks to dwell"  
So spoke a kind old mother  
To her boy one summer day  
"If your mind's made up that way, I wish you well  
The old home will be lonesome  
We'll miss you when you go  
The birds won't sing so sweet when you're not nigh  
But if you get in trouble, Jim  
Just write and let us know"  
She spoke these words and then she said goodbye

#### CHORUS:

If sickness overtakes you  
Or old companions shake you  
As through this world you wander all alone

When friends you haven't any  
In your pocket not a penny  
There's a mother always awaiting you at home

Ten years later to this village  
Came a stranger no one knew  
His steps were halt and ragged clothes he wore  
The little children laughed at him  
As down the lane he trod  
At last he stopped before a cottage door  
He gently knocked, no sound he heard  
He thought, "Can she be dead?"  
But then he heard a voice well known to him  
Was his mother's voice, but her hair had silvered  
By the touch of time  
And she said, "Thank God, they've sent me home my  
Jim"

#### REPEAT CHORUS

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