

## **C.W. McCall**

# **"Roses For Mama"**

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Well, I had two weeks vacation comin'  
So I thought I'd drive down to Florida  
Spend some time with an old friend, date a few girls  
Make a few parties, and just kinda live it up again

So I packed up my car and then I called my Mom in  
Tennessee  
And told her what I planned to do she said, "Son, are  
you comin' by?"  
And I said, "Mom, I'm really pushed for time  
But I'll see you in a week or two"

And I was drivin' through this little town  
In Georgia when I remembered today's Mama's  
birthday  
Well, I thought I'll just stop and wire some flowers  
Shouldn't take too long, then I'll be on my way

So I walked in a flower shop and the first thing  
I saw was this little boy, with his eyes full a' tears  
I said, "What's wrong, son?" He said, "Mama loves  
roses"  
And today's her birthday, and I haven't seen her in  
almost a year

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He said, "I live with Grandma now, but I promised  
Mama some roses 'cause I talk to her all the time  
I wanted to give her five, 'cause that's how old I am"  
But the lady said I couldn't buy 'em with just a dime

Well, the little fellow's story kind a touched my heart  
So I told the lady to give him what he wanted and  
charge it to me  
Then I told her I needed to wire a dozen roses to my  
Mama  
Up in Chapel Hill, Tennessee

I looked around, and the little boy was gone  
But all of a sudden the door flew open and he come  
runnin' back in  
And he said, Mister, I forgot to thank you for the roses  
He smiled, he shook my hand, and ran back out again

Well, I started on out of town, and I was feelin' real  
proud  
Of myself for thinkin' of my Mama and really carin'  
When I looked out the window and I saw that same little  
boy  
Kneelin', by a grave in an old cemetery

I stopped my car and walked over to where the little  
boy  
Was kneelin' down, and he smiled up at me and said  
"This is where my Mama stays"  
She says, "She sure does thank you for these pretty  
roses"  
Well that's when I had to walk away

And I drove straight back to that flower shop  
And I said, "Lady, have you sent those flowers to  
Tennessee?"  
She said, "No, not yet" I said, "Well, never mind  
I'll just take them back with me"

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