

Ray Charles

"For Mamma"

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She said, "My son I beg of you
I have a wish, that must come true
The last thng you can do
For yo' 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?

I tried so hard to find a word
I prayed she would not see me cry
So much to say, that should be heard
But any time to say "Good-bye"
To my mama

They say in time, you will forget
Yet still today, my eyes are wet
And still I try to smile
For my mama

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

Then I will feel, the deepest joy
Yes, for my mama

And I will feel, so proud that I
Made the wish come true
All for my mama

The family's left, I feel so numb
I should've known this day would come
And still I try to smile
For my Mama

It hurts so much to see them go

They have their lives to lead, I know
Now I can watch their children grow
And hear, again, "Ave Maria"
Ave Maria

And I feel
The deepest joy
Yes, I'll kiss them all
For my Mama

And I will feel
So proud that I
Made the wish come true
All for my Mama

Still, this seems
So small
For all
She done
For me
On my my, Oh my my my, Oh Mama

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