

## Willie Nelson "Mama Tried"

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The first thing I remember knowin? was a lonesome  
whistle blowin?  
And a youngun's dream of growin? up to ride  
On a freight train leavin? town, not knowin? where I'm  
bound  
No one could change my mind but mama tried

One and only rebel child from a family meek and mild  
My mama seemed to to know what lay in store  
?Spite all my Sunday learnin? towards the bad I kept on  
turnin?  
?Til mama couldn't hold me anymore.

I turned twenty-one in prison doin? life without parole  
No one could steer me right but mama tried, mama  
tried  
Mama tried to raise me better, but her pleading I  
denied  
That leaves only me to blame, 'cause mama tried

Dear ole? daddy, rest his soul left my mom a heavy  
load  
She tried so very hard to feel his shoes  
Workin? hours without rest, wanted me to have the best  
She tried to raise me right but I refused

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