

Willie Nelson & Friends "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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