

Bye Bye Birdie

"A Mother Doesn't Matter Anymore From TV Special"

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spoken]

So, it's come at last. At last it's come, the day I knew
would

come at last has come, at last. My sonny-boy doesn't
need me

any longer. Well, what are you waiting for? Get rid of
me,

put me out with the garbage; just throw me out with the
used

grapefruits and the empty cans from the tuna fish. And
never

mind putting a lid on it. Leave it open so a hundred
thousand

pussycats can walk all over a mother. Who bronzed your
baby

shoes? Kissed ev'ry little bruise?

[singing]

Who picked your dirty socks up off the floor?

You coughed and who was there?

It's just too hard to bear,

A mother doesn't matter anymore.

With bunions on my feet,

I trudged through snow and sleet,

To bring your lic'rice from the corner store.

I sold my Tiffany lamp,

So you could go to camp.

Now a mother doesn't matter anymore.

[spoken]

That's it, I'm ready to go and I don't want you to spend
a cent. Fancy funerals are for rich people. Just wrap me
in a flag and throw me in the river on mother's day.

[singing]

And precious, by the way,

The doctor called today.

What I got's a condition,

Yes he's sure,

There's nothing they can do,

I'll last a week or two.

Because for a condition there's no cure.

That time you caught the croup,

Who made you chicken soup,

And read you "Bambi" till her throat was sore?

You sacrifice your life, then, BANG!

You get the knife.

Now a mother doesn't matter anymore.

[spoken]

There, I feel better now. Everything is as it should be.

A mother is lying on top of a sanitation truck, bound for
the

city dump and a son is running around with a floozie
who came

looking for a good time and stayed to ruin an American
woman's

life.

[singing]

Who gave up nights of rest

To rub Vicks on your chest?

Who nursed her sonny boy till he was four?

My life has been in vain,

This country's down the drain,

'Cause a mother doesn't matter,

No, a mother doesn't matter,

Yes, a mother doesn't matter anymore

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