

## J. J. BARRIE

### "NO CHARGE"

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NO CHARGE - 05/07/1976

1 week at #1 - 11 weeks on chart

Now our little boy came up to his mum in the kitchen  
this evenin'

While she was fixin' supper

And he handed her a piece of paper he'd been writin'  
on

And after wipin' her hands on her apron

She read it - and this is what it said

For mowin' the lawn - five dollars

For makin' my own bed this week - one dollar

And for goin' to the store - fifty cents

An' playin' with little brother, while you went shoppin' -  
twenty-five cents

Takin' out the trash - one dollar

Gettin' a good report card - five dollars

And for rakin' the yard - two dollars

Total owed - fourteen seventy-five

Well, as mum looked at him standin' there expectantly  
And I could see the mem'ries flashing through her  
mind

And so she picked up the pen, and turnin' the paper  
over

This is what she wrote

For the nine months I carried you

Growin' inside me - No charge

For the nights I've sat up with you

Doctored you, and prayed for you - No charge

For the time and the tears

That you've cost through the years, there's No charge

And when you add it all up

The full cost of my love is No charge

For the nights filled with dread

And all the worries ahead - No charge

For advice and the knowledge

And the cost of your college - No charge  
For the toys, food and clothes and even for wipin' your  
nose  
There's No charge, son  
And when you add it all up  
The full cost of my love, is - No charge

Well, when he finished readin'  
He had great big old tears in his eyes  
And he looked up at her standing there and said  
Mama, I sure do love you  
Then he took the pen,  
And in great big letters  
He wrote PAID IN FULL

Lord knows when you add it all up  
The cost of real love is - No charge

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