Melby Montgomery "No Charge"

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My little boy came into the kitchen this evenin' while I was fixin' supper

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

And after wipin' my hands on my apron, I read it and this is what it said:

For mowin' the yard - five dollars

Makin' my own bed this week - one dollar

And goin' to the store - fifty cents

And watchin' little brother while you went shoppin' twenty-five cents

For takin' out the trash - one dollar

Gettin' a good report card - five dollars

And rakin' the yard - two dollars

Total owed - fourteen, seventy-five

Well I stood there lookin' at him expectantly
And a thousand memories flashed through my mind
So I picked up the pen and turnin the paper over this is
what I wrote:

For the nine months I carried you growin' inside me - no charge

For the nights I sat up with you, doctored you, prayed for you - no charge

For the time and the tears and the cost through the years - there's no charge

When you add it all up the full cost of my love is no charge

For the nights filled with dread and the worry of payin' - no charge

For advice and the knowledge and the cost of your college - no charge

For the toys, food and clothes and for wipin' your nose - there's no charge son

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 me and he said mama I sure do
love you
Then he took the pen and in great big letters he wroten
- paid in full
When you add it all up the cost of free love is no
charge

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