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Things Ever
Said About
Mothers*

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I Honor You, Mother

by Brian Vaszily

I love who I am, I love where I am going, and I owe so much of that to you, Mom.

You were there, even when no one else was. You showed me patience, understanding, and kindness, but without ever veering from the hardest truths I needed to know.

And you gave my heart perhaps the greatest gift of all: knowing that in this often uncertain world, there is something permanent: your love. “Always” *is* real.

You did not teach me everything I know. Far more importantly, you taught me how and why to go find for myself what I really need to know. Thank you for the courage and the confidence.

I remember that as a child, I would often run too hard, trip, and scrape my knee. You were there, to guide me past the tears and back to my feet. And you always made me a sandwich, too.

As an adult, I know I sometimes still run too hard, trip, and bruise my heart. And you are there, to guide me past the heartache and back to my feet. And you still make me a sandwich, too.

I am learning, always learning, and I am slowing down and tripping less. But I want you to know that, on that distant day that you are gone, when I trip – as I am sure I still sometimes will – it will be your words, your warm eyes, your angel heart and your embrace still here, in the center of my own heart, to guide me back to my feet and forward, trying to give my best to the world with my head held high.

And I will make a sandwich in your honor.

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But you are here now – long may you be – and I am so grateful for that.

You've worked so hard for so many years, and I know so much of that has been for me and for all the family you love. If I could, I'd build you a cottage on a hill amidst acres of flowers with a view of the sea, near the family you hold so dear, where you could live the rest of your days in joy and tranquility. And when I can, I will. I am trying.

But still I know that will not be nearly enough to thank you for you.

You are what love really means; I know you are only human, but you are the saint of *my* world, just as Mothers with your love throughout the ages – far more than any poet, priest or president – have been the true saints and saviors of *our* world.

I honor you, Mother. I celebrate you. I thank you.

Please know that no matter where I go, no matter what challenges I face and what feats I accomplish, there will always be this child inside me, watching you with little boy's eyes, in complete awe and adoration.



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My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her.
~ George Washington

No one in the world can take the place of your mother. Right or wrong, from her viewpoint you are always right. She may scold you for little things, but never for the big ones. ~Harry Truman

*All that I am or ever hope to be,
I owe to my angel mother.* ~ Abraham Lincoln

There never was a woman like her. She was gentle as a dove and brave as a lioness... The memory of my mother and her teachings were, after all, the only capital I had to start life with, and on that capital I have made my way.
~ Andrew Jackson

A mother is a mother still, the holiest thing alive.
~Samuel Taylor Coleridge

A mother is the truest friend we have, when trials heavy and sudden, fall upon us; when adversity takes the place of prosperity; when friends who rejoice with us in our sunshine desert us; when trouble thickens around us, still will she cling to us, and endeavor by her kind precepts and counsels to dissipate the clouds of darkness, and cause peace to return to our hearts. ~Washington Irving

The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will always find forgiveness. ~Honoré de Balzac

A mother's love for her child is like nothing else in the world. It knows no law, no pity, it dares all things and crushes down remorselessly all that stands in its path. ~Agatha Christie

The Hand That Rocks the Cradle

William Ross Wallace

Blessings on the hand of women!
Angels guard its strength and grace,
In the palace, cottage, hovel,
Oh, no matter where the place;
Would that never storms assailed it,
Rainbows ever gently curled;
For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world.

Infancy's the tender fountain,
Power may with beauty flow,
Mother's first to guide the streamlets,
From them souls unresting grow—
Grow on for the good or evil,
Sunshine streamed or evil hurled;
For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world.

Woman, how divine your mission
Here upon our natal sod!
Keep, oh, keep the young heart open
Always to the breath of God!
All true trophies of the ages
Are from mother -love impearled;
For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world.

Blessings on the hand of women!
Fathers, sons, and daughters cry,
And the sacred song is mingled
With the worship in the sky—
Mingles where no tempest darkens,
Rainbows evermore are hurled;
**For the hand that rocks the cradle
Is the hand that rules the world.**



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There is no way to be a perfect mother, and a million ways to be a good one. ~ Jill Churchill

Mother's love is peace. It need not be acquired, it need not be deserved. ~Erich Fromm

A mother is not a person to lean on but a person to make leaning unnecessary.

~Dorothy Canfield Fisher

A mother is a person who, seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie.

~Tenneva Jordan

It is not until you become a mother that your judgment slowly turns to compassion and understanding. ~Erma Bombeck

The real religion of the world comes from women much more than from men -- from mothers most of all, who carry the key of our souls in their bosoms. ~Oliver Wendell Holmes

A man never sees all that his mother has been to him until it's too late to let her know that he sees it. ~W. D. Howells

When you are a mother, you are never really alone in your thoughts. A mother always has to think twice, once for herself and once for her child. ~Sophia Loren

No painter's brush, nor poet's pen
In justice to her fame,
Has ever reached half high enough
To write a mother's name.

~ Unknown

A Prayer for a Mother's Birthday

Henry Van Dyke

Lord Jesus, Thou hast known
A mother's love and tender care:
And Thou wilt hear, while for my own
Mother most dear I make this birthday prayer.

Protect her life, I pray,
Who gave the gift of life to me;
And may she know, from day to day,
The deepening glow of Life that comes from Thee.

As once upon her breast
Fearless and well content I lay,
So let her heart, on Thee at rest,
Feel fears depart and troubles fade away.

Her every wish fulfill;
And even if Thou must refuse
In anything, let Thy wise will
A comfort bring such as kind mothers use.

Ah, hold her by the hand,
As once her hand held mine;
And though she may not understand
Life's winding way, lead her in peace divine.

I cannot pay my debt
For all the love that she has given;
But Thou, love's Lord, wilt not forget
Her due reward -- bless her in earth and heaven.

The Mother

Lucy Maud Montgomery

Here I lean over you, small son, sleeping
Warm in my arms,
And I con to my heart all your dew-fresh charms,
As you lie close, close in my hungry hold...
Your hair like a miser's dream of gold,
And the white rose of your face far fairer,
Finer, and rarer
Than all the flowers in the young year's keeping;
Over lips half parted your low breath creeping
Is sweeter than violets in April grasses;
Though your eyes are fast shut I can see their blue,
Splendid and soft as starshine in heaven,
With all the joyance and wisdom given
From the many souls who have stanchly striven
Through the dead years to be strong and true.

Those fine little feet in my worn hands holden . . .
Where will they tread ?
Valleys of shadow or heights dawn-red?
And those silken fingers, O, wee, white son,
What valorous deeds shall by them be done
In the future that yet so distant is seeming
To my fond dreaming?
What words all so musical and golden
With starry truth and poesy olden.

Shall those lips speak in the years on-coming?
O, child of mine, with waxen brow,
Surely your words of that dim to-morrow
Rapture and power and grace must borrow
From the poignant love and holy sorrow
Of the heart that shrines and cradles you now!

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Some bitter day you will love another,
To her will bear
Love-gifts and woo her ... then must I share
You and your tenderness! Now you are mine
From your feet to your hair so golden and fine,
And your crumpled finger-tips ... mine completely,

Wholly and sweetly;
Mine with kisses deep to smother,
No one so near to you now as your mother!
Others may hear your words of beauty,
But your precious silence is mine alone;
Here in my arms I have enrolled you,
Away from the grasping world I fold you,
Flesh of my flesh and bone of my bone!



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The most remarkable thing about my mother is that for thirty years she served the family nothing but leftovers. The original meal has never been found. ~Calvin Trillin

*The phrase "working mother" is redundant.
~Jane Sellman*

*A mom forgives us all our faults, not to mention one or two we don't even have.
~Robert Brault*

Insanity is hereditary; you get it from your children. ~Sam Levenson

*Never say anything on the phone that you wouldn't want your mother to hear at your trial.
~Sydney Biddle Barrows*

The Visit

A busy woman stopped at a floral shop to order some flowers that she was going to have delivered to her mother who lived two hundred miles away. As she got out of her car, she noticed a young girl sitting on the curb sobbing.

She asked the girl what was wrong and the girl replied, "I wanted to buy a red rose for my mother. But I only have seventy-five cents, and a rose costs two dollars."

The woman smiled and said, "Come on in with me. I'll buy you a rose."

She bought the little girl her rose and ordered her own mother's flowers too.

As they were leaving, the woman offered the girl a ride home.

"Yes, please!" the girl responded. "You can take me to my mother if you don't mind."

The girl directed the woman to a cemetery, where she placed the rose on a freshly dug grave. The woman returned to the flower shop, canceled the delivery order, picked up a bouquet and drove the two hundred miles to her mother's house.



A man loves his sweetheart the most,
his wife the best, but his mother the longest.
~Irish Proverb

An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy.
~Spanish Proverb

There is only one pretty child in the world, and
every mother has it.
~Chinese Proverb

God could not be everywhere,
so he created mothers.
~Jewish Proverb

*My mother is a poem
I'll never be able to write,
though everything I write
is a poem to my mother.
~Sharon Doubiago*

*The precursor of the mirror is the mother's face.
~D.W. Winnicott*

*The moment a child is born, the mother is also
born. She never existed before. The woman
existed, but the mother, never. A mother is
something absolutely new. ~Rajneesh*

Grown don't mean nothing to a
mother. A child is a child. They get
bigger, older, but grown? What's that
suppose to mean? In my heart it
don't mean a thing. ~Toni Morrison, in *Beloved*

Mother to Son

Langston Hughes

Well, son, I'll tell you:
Life for me ain't been no crystal stair.
It's had tacks in it,
And splinters,
And boards torn up,
And places with no carpet on the floor
Bare.
But all the time
I've been a-climbin' on,
And reachin' landin's,
And turnin' corners,
And sometimes goin' in the dark
Where there ain't been no light.
So, boy, don't you turn back.
Don't you set down on the steps.
'Cause you finds it's kinder hard.
Don't you fall now
For I've still goin', honey,
I've still climbin',
And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.



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It kills you to see them grow up. But I guess it would kill you quicker if they didn't.

~Barbara Kingsolver

Motherhood has a very humanizing effect. Everything gets reduced to essentials.

~Meryl Streep

I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. And then I want to move in with them.

~Phyllis Diller

No matter how old a mother is, she watches her middle-aged children for signs of improvement.

~Florida Scott-Maxwell

Sweater, n.: garment worn by child when its mother is feeling chilly.

~Ambrose Bierce

The 33 Funniest Things Moms Love to Say

“Because I’m your mother, *that’s* why!”

“What goes around comes around.”

“If I ever talked to my mother the way you talk to me ...”

“Just wait till your father gets home!”

“Be careful or your face is going to freeze like that.”

“See, this is why we can’t have nice things!”

“You’ll poke your eye out.”

“Just wait till you have children of your own, then you’ll understand.”

“Everybody else is doing it? Well If everybody else jumped off a cliff, would you jump too?”

“Jenny’s mother is letting her do it? Then go live with Jenny’s mother.”

“I hope when you grow up you have kids that are just like you!”

“Look at this room! Were you born in a barn?”

“Well if THAT’S what you think you’ve got another thing coming, mister.”

“You might hate me for this now but you’ll appreciate me for it later.”

“You’re not leaving this house looking like THAT!”

“Where’s your jacket? You’re not leaving without a jacket.”

“Well you just tell that bully to cut it out or you’ll tell the teacher!”

“Finish those vegetables on your plate. There are children starving in [insert third-world country] who would love to eat that!” *(My favorite response as a child, even despite the repercussions: “Then let’s send it to them.” – Brian Vaszily)*

“If you’ve got nothing nice to say, don’t say anything at all.”

“Bored? I was NEVER bored at your age!”

“I slave over a hot stove for hours and THIS is the thanks I get?”

“I brought you into this world and I can take you out!”

“Yes, as a matter of fact I AM the boss of you.”

“Well I just hope you changed your underwear, because you never know when you might have an accident.”

“It doesn’t matter what career you choose, I’ll always be proud of you.”

“I’ve got eyes in the back of my head, that’s how.”

“Never look a gift horse in the mouth.”

“Get that out of your mouth, you don’t know where that’s been!”

“I swear you’d lose your head if it wasn’t attached to your body.”

“If you fall off of there and break your leg, DON’T come running to me!”

“If I’ve told you once, I’ve told you a thousand times ...”

“What do you think, money grows on trees?”

“Because I said so, *that’s* why.”

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Men are what their mothers made them.
~Ralph Waldo Emerson

All women become like their mothers. That is
their tragedy. No man does. That's his.
~Oscar Wilde

Thou art thy mother's glass, and she in thee
Calls back the lovely April of her prime.
~William Shakespeare

Your arms were always open when I needed a
hug. Your heart understood when I needed a
friend. Your gentle eyes were stern when I
needed a lesson. Your strength and love has
guided me and gave me wings to fly.
~Sarah Malin

All mothers are rich when they love their children. There are no poor mothers, no ugly ones, no old ones. Their love is always the most beautiful of joys.

~Maurice Maeterlinck

*Hundreds of dewdrops to greet the dawn,
Hundreds of bees in the purple clover,
Hundreds of butterflies on the lawn,
But only one mother the wide world over.*

~George Cooper

*For this my mother wrapped me warm,
And called me home against the storm,
And coaxed my infant nights to quiet,
And gave me roughage in my diet,
And tucked me in my bed at eight,
And clipped my hair, and marked my weight,
And watched me as I sat and stood:
That I might grow to womanhood.*

~Dorothy Parker



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*When I was a child, my mother said to me,
“If you become a soldier, you'll be a general.
If you become a monk you'll end up as the
pope.” Instead I became a painter and
wound up as Picasso.*

~Pablo Picasso

She tried in every way to understand me, and she succeeded. It was this deep, loving understanding as long as she lived that more than anything else helped and sustained me on my way to success.

~Mae West

Mama exhorted her children at every opportunity to “jump at de sun.” We might not land on the sun, but at least we would get off the ground.

~Zora Neale Hurston

She broke the bread into two fragments, and gave them to the children, who ate with avidity.

“She has kept none for herself,” grumbled the sergeant.

“Because she is not hungry,” said a soldier.

“Because she is a mother,” said the sergeant.

~Victor Hugo

Mothers are more powerful than gods.
~Chinese proverb

Of all the rights of women, the greatest is to be a mother.
~Lin Yutang

A mother understands what a child does not say.
~Jewish Proverb

Motherhood: All love begins and ends there.
~Robert Browning

The most beautiful word on the lips of mankind is the word "Mother," and the most beautiful call is the call of "My mother." It is a word full of hope and love, a sweet and kind word coming from the depths of the heart. The mother is every thing -- she is our consolation in sorrow, our hope in misery, and our strength in weakness. She is the source of love, mercy, sympathy, and forgiveness.
~Kahlil Gibran

When my mother smiled, her face grew still prettier, and all looked bright around her. If during the most trying moments of my life, I could have caught a glimpse of her smile, I should not have known what grief is.

~Leo Tolstoy

If we could find the first seed of all the good feelings and all the noble and great-hearted deeds of which we are so proud, that seed would almost invariably be found in the heart of our mother.

~Edmondo De Amicis

The man who speaks badly of his mother is speaking badly of all women.

~Carlo Dossi

Your conscience is what your mother told you before you were six years old.

~Brock Chisholm

A mother's love determines how we love ourselves and others.

~Nicholas Gordon

Most of all the other beautiful things in life come by twos and threes, by dozens and hundreds. Plenty of roses, stars, sunsets, rainbows, brothers, and sisters, aunts and cousins, but only one mother in the whole world.

~Kate Douglas Wiggin

Look in those eyes, listen to that dear voice, notice the feeling of even a single touch that is bestowed upon you by that gentle hand! Make much of it while yet you have that most precious of all good gifts – a loving mother.

Read the unfathomable love of those eyes, the kind anxiety of that tone and look, however slight your pain. In life you may have friends – fond, dear, kind friends, but never will you have again the inexpressible love and gentleness lavished upon you which none but a mother bestows.

~Lord Macaulay

*I hope they're still making women like my
momma. She always told me to do the right
thing. She always told me to have pride in
myself; she said a good name is better than
money.*

~Joe Louis

*Mama was my greatest teacher, a teacher of
compassion, love and fearlessness. If love is
sweet as a flower, then my mother is that sweet
flower of love.*

~Stevie Wonder

*Mother is the name of God in the lips and hearts
of children.*

~William Makepeace Thackeray

*God sees us through our Mothers' eyes and
rewards us for our virtues.*

~ Ganeshan Venkatarman

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Sing out loud in the car even, or especially, if it embarrasses your children. ~Marilyn Penland

Setting a good example for your children takes all the fun out of middle age. ~William Feather

Mothers of teenagers know why animals eat their young. ~Unknown

Working mothers are guinea pigs in a scientific experiment to show that sleep is not necessary to human life. ~Unknown

Any mother could perform the jobs of several air-traffic controllers with ease." ~Lisa Alther

You couldn't fool your mother on the foolingest day of your life if you had an electrified fooling machine. ~Homer Simpson

The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom.
~Henry Ward Beecher

Mother love is the fuel that enables a normal
human being to do the impossible.
~Marion C. Garretty

I love my mother as the trees love water and
sunshine - she helps me grow, prosper, and
reach great heights.
~Adabella Radici

Biology is the least of what makes someone a
mother.
~Oprah Winfrey

My mom is a never-ending song in my heart of
comfort, happiness, and being. I may
sometimes forget the words but I always
remember the tune.
~Graycie Harmon

A Mother's Love

Unknown

A mother's love! What can compare with it! Of all things on earth, it comes nearest to divine love in heaven.

A mother's love means a life's devotion - and sometimes a life's sacrifice - with but one thought, one hope and one feeling, that her children will grow up healthy and strong, free from evil habits and able to provide for themselves.

Her sole wish is that they may do their part like men and women, avoid dangers and pitfalls, and when dark hours come, trust in Providence to give them strength, patience and courage to bear up bravely.

Happy is the mother when her heart's wish is answered, and happy are sons and daughters when they can feel that they have contributed to her noble purpose, and in some measure, repaid her unceasing, unwavering love and devotion.



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*If I was damned of body and soul,
I know whose prayers would make me whole,
Mother o' mine, O Mother o' mine.
~Rudyard Kipling*

Mother
Unknown

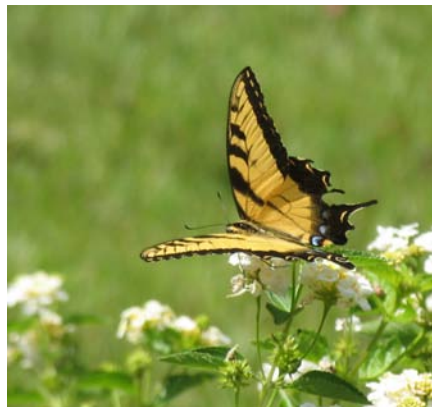
Your Love is like an island
In life's ocean, vast and wide,
A peaceful quiet shelter
From the wind and rain and tide.
Above it like a beacon light
Shone faith and truth and prayer;
And through the changing scenes of life,
I find a haven there.

*If I had a single flower for every time I think
about you, I could walk forever in my garden.
~Claudia Ghandi*

You Were There

Unknown

You were there when we took our first steps,
And went unsteadily across the floor.
You pushed and prodded, encouraged and guided,
Until our steps took us out the door.
You worry now, "Are they ok?"
Is there more you could have done?
As we walk the paths of our unknown
You wonder, "Where have my children gone?"
Where we are is where you have led us,
With your special love you showed us a way,
To believe in ourselves and the decisions we make,
Taking on the challenge of life day-to-day.
And where we go you can be sure,
In spirit you shall never be alone.
For where you are is what matters most to us,
Because to us that will always be home.



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Is my mother my friend? I would have to say, first of all she is my Mother, with a capital 'M.' **She's something sacred to me.** I love her dearly...yes, she is also a good friend, someone I can talk openly with if I want to.

~Sophia Loren

My mother never gave up on me. I messed up in school so much they were sending me home, but my mother sent me right back.

~Denzel Washington

I shall never forget my mother, for it was she who planted and nurtured the first seeds of good within me. **She opened my heart** to the lasting impressions of nature; she awakened my understanding and extended my horizon and her percepts exerted an everlasting influence upon the course of my life.

~Immanuel Kant

When I stopped seeing my mother with the eyes of a child, I saw the woman who helped me give birth to myself.

~Nancy Friday

To describe my mother would be to write about a hurricane in its perfect power.

~Maya Angelou

It was my mother who taught us to stand up to our problems, not only in the world around us but in ourselves.

~Dorothy Pittman Hughes

The older I become, the more I think about my mother.

~Ingmar Bergman

A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take.

~Cardinal Mermillod

Every mother is like Moses. She does not enter the promised land. She prepares a world she will not see.

~Pope Paul VI

There was never a great man who had not a great mother.

~Olive Schreiner

The story of a mother's life: Trapped between a scream and a hug.

~Cathy Guisewite

A mother's love is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking, and it never fails or falters, even though the heart is breaking.

~Helen Steiner Rice

When it comes to love, Mom's the word.

~Unknown

It's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have... One pair that see through closed doors. Another in the back of her head... and, of course, the ones in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and reflect “**I understand and I love you**” without so much as uttering a word.

~Erma Bombeck

The noblest calling in the world is that of mother. True motherhood is the most beautiful of all arts, the greatest of all professions. She who can paint a masterpiece or who can write a book that will influence millions deserves the plaudits and admiration of mankind; but she who rears successfully a family of healthy, beautiful sons and daughters whose immortal souls will be exerting an influence throughout the ages long after paintings shall have faded, and books and statues shall have been destroyed, **deserves the highest honor that man can give.**

~David O. McKay

The doctors told me that I would never walk. But my mother told me I would. So I believed my mother.

-Wilma Rudolph

(She not only finally did walk, but she went on to win three track and field gold medals for the U.S. in the 1960 Summer Olympics.)



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