

Traditional Irish Music

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Only One Mother

^G It seems a few years have gone by, by now,
^G Since father and I had our talk,,
^C You know the old one from father to son,
^{G D G} He gave me that day while we walked.

He said, son, there is many a treasure to find,
And much in this world to behold;
But remember this well what I have to tell,
And these are the words that he told:

^{C G} Only one mother, that's all that we get,
^{D G} Treat her with kindness, with love and respect;
^{C G Em} Only one mother in this world, my son,
^{G D C G} There's only one mother, only one mom.

Who was the one that you ran to,
The first time you fell out a tree?
Who was the one that made it all fun,
And bandaged the bump on your knee?

Who fixes your favorite breakfast each day,
And tucks you in bed every night?
Who is the one that gets it all done,
And seems to make everything right?

Only one mother, that's all that we get,
Treat her with kindness, with love and respect;
Only one mother in this world, my son.
There's only one mother, only one mom.

Time passes by all too quickly it seems,
Now I have a son of my own;
I think that it's time that I dropped him a line,
It's been a while since he's called home.

I think that I'll tell him this story I know,
My father told me on that day
And the words that he said are still in my head,
And to my own son I will say.