

A mother's love is a blessing

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Chord progression: D D D G D A D D D

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D A D F#m Bm D D Bm F#m

The first system of music consists of a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in quarter notes: D4, A4, D5, F#4, B4, D5, D5, B4, F#4. Below the staff are three guitar strings with fret numbers: 3, 0, 3, 2, 0, 2, 2, 0, 2.

D D F#m Bm D D D A D

The second system of music continues the melody: D4, D4, F#4, B4, D5, D5, D5, A4, D4. The guitar fret numbers are: 3, 3, 2, 0, 2, 4, 0, 2, 4.

G D Bm D A D D

The third system of music concludes the piece: G4, D4, Bm4, D4, A4, D4, D4. The guitar fret numbers are: 0, 2, 0, 4, 2, 0, 0. The system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

An Irish boy was leaving,
 Leaving his native home,
 Crossing the broad Atlantic,
 Once more he wished to roam,
 And as he was leaving his mother,
 Who was standing on the quay,
 She threw her arms around his waist,
 And this to him did say,

Chorus
 A mother's love's a blessing,
 No matter where you roam,
 Keep her while she's living,
 You'll miss her when she's gone,
 Love her as in childhood,
 Though feeble, old and grey,
 For you'll never miss a mother's love,
 Till she's buried beneath the clay,

And as the years go onwards,
I'll settle down in life,
And choose a nice young colleen,
And take her for my wife,
And as the babes grow older,
And climb around my knee,
I'll teach them the very same lesson,
That my mother taught to me.