

Mother The Queen Of My Heart
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C **G7** **C**
I had a home down in Texas
F **C**
Down where the blue bonnets grew
G7 **C**
I had the kindest old mother
D7 **G7**
How happy we were just we two

C **G7** **C**
Till one day the angels called her
C7 **F**
A debt that we all have to pay
C
She called me close to her bedside
G7 **C**
To me these words she did say

G7 **C**
Son don t start drinking and gambling
F **C**
Promise you ll always go straight
G7 **C**
Ten years have passed since we parted
D7 **G7**
My promise I ve broke I must say

C **G7** **C**
I started gambling for pastime
C7 **F**
Soon I was just like them all
C
I bet my clothes and my money
G7 **C**
Not thinking that I d ever fall

G7 **C**
One day I bet all my money
F **C**
Not a thing was left to be seen
G7 **C**
All that I needed to break them
D7 **G7**
Was one card and that was a queen

C **G7** **C**
The cards were dealt round the table

C7 **F**

Each man took one from the draw

C

I drew the one that would beat them

G7 **C**

I turned it and here's what I saw

G7 **C**

I saw my mother's picture

F **C**

And to me she seemed to say

G7 **C**

Son you have broken your promise

D7 **G7**

So I tossed the cards away

C **G7** **C**

I gave all my winnings to a newsboy

C7 **F**

I knew I was wrong from the start

C

I'll never forget that promise

G7 **C**

To my Mother the queen of my heart