

Mother The Queen Of My Heart  
Merle Haggard

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