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# M-O-T-H-E-R

(A Name That Means the World to Me)  
(1915)

*for female voices*

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**Intro**

Tenor Lead

Bari Bass

1 2 3 4

She'll al - ways mean the world to me.

**Chorus**

5 6 7 8

"M" is for the mil - lion things she gave me.

9 10 11 12

"O" means on - ly that she's grow - ing old.

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13 14 15 16

"T" is for the tears were shed to save me.

17 18 19 20 21

"H" is for her heart of purest gold. "E" is for her

22 23 24 25 26

eyes, with love-light shining. "R" means right, and right she'll always

27 28 29 30 31

be. Put them all together, they spell "MOTH -

32 33 34 35 36

ER," a word that means the world to me.

## Naration Chorus

37 38 39 40

loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo etc.  
 [spoken] Mom, I need you to hear this: it's so hard for me to say just what I feel. I still remember as if  
 loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo loo etc.

41 42 43 44

it were just yesterday; you called me in for dinner. I was always late. You tucked me into

45 46 47 48

bed, reminding me to brush my teeth and turn out the light. I see you with a shining

49 50 51 52

crown of white, and the tears running down my face are like the tears you shed for

53 54 55 56

me from time to time, because you cared so very much about your boy. I can never repay

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57 58 59 60

what you gave me. Sometimes I bring you flowers for Mother's day. This song is a

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of musical notation, measures 57 through 60. It features a treble and bass clef staff. The melody is in a major key with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "what you gave me. Sometimes I bring you flowers for Mother's day. This song is a".

61 62 63 64 65

bouquet. Please hold it and keep it close to your heart. It's for you, my Mother. a word that means the

Detailed description: This block contains the second system of musical notation, measures 61 through 65. The key signature changes to one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: "bouquet. Please hold it and keep it close to your heart. It's for you, my Mother. a word that means the".

66 67 68 69 70

*freely with expression*

world \_\_\_\_\_ to me, \_\_\_\_\_ she means the world to me.

Detailed description: This block contains the third system of musical notation, measures 66 through 70. It includes the instruction "freely with expression" above measure 69. The lyrics are: "world \_\_\_\_\_ to me, \_\_\_\_\_ she means the world to me." The notation includes a fermata over measure 67 and a repeat sign at the end of measure 70.