

Thank You, Mom

for medium voice and piano

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Ballad tempo

mp

C

Musical notation for the first system. The vocal line is in 4/4 time, starting with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and whole notes in the left hand. The tempo is marked 'Ballad tempo' and the dynamics are 'mp'.

Ballad tempo

1. Thank you, Mom

for see-ing love

in

mp legato throughout

5 Dm G Em Am

Musical notation for the second system. The vocal line continues with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note pattern. The tempo is 'Ballad tempo' and dynamics are 'mp'. Chords are indicated as Dm, G, Em, and Am.

all those dir - ty fac - es,

for camp - ing trips

and soc - cer games

and

9 Dm G7 F C

Musical notation for the third system. The vocal line continues with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note pattern. The tempo is 'Ballad tempo' and dynamics are 'mp'. Chords are indicated as Dm, G7, F, and C.

all those oth - er plac - es,

for tell - ing me

how great I looked

the

13 Dm G C G7 G7sus G7

13 day I got my brac - es, Thank you, Mom. 2. Thank you,

17 C Dm G Em

17 Mom for sav - ing my bou - quet of dan - de - lions, for teach - ing me to

22 Am Dm G F

22 cross the street and how to read the signs, for show - ing me that

26 C/E Dm G C Dm G

26 love can shine through hand - made val - en - tines, Thank you, Mom.

Thank You, Mom - for medium voice and piano or CD
duration 3:40

Program note

This song was commissioned by a recording artist who wanted a tribute song about mothers. My wife and neighboring mothers gave me all sorts of suggestions from their favorite memories of motherhood and put many of them into this song.

THANK YOU, MOM

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VERSE 1

Thank you, Mom
For seeing love in all those dirty faces,
For camping trips and soccer games and all those other places,
For telling me how great I looked the day I got my braces,
Thank you, Mom

VERSE 2

Thank you, Mom
For saving my bouquet of dandelions,
For teaching me to cross the street and how to read the signs,
For showing me that love can shine through hand-made valentines,
Thank you, Mom

VERSE 3

Thank you, Mom
For showing me what healing kisses bring,
For neon-colored band-aids and presents tied with string,
For listening to my awful songs before I learned to sing,
Thank you, Mom

VERSE 4

Thank you, Mom
For listening when I call you on the phone,
For showing me your wisdom, now that I am grown,
For spoiling all the children in the family of my own,
Thank you, Mom
Thank you, Mom