

The Things I Learned At Mother's Knee

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Chorus

GOLD AND SILVER COULD NOT BUY
THE THINGS I LEARNED AT MOTHER'S SIDE
SITTING BY THE FIRESIDE, WARM AND BRIGHT
ALL THE KIDS WOULD GATHER NEAR
MOST TO MOM'S OLD ROCKING CHAIR
TO HAVE OUR FAMILY WORSHIP EVERY NIGHT

PRECIOUS MEMORIES, HOW THEY LINGER...

Spoken

BRING UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE OUGHT TO GO
AND HE WILL NOT STRAY AWAY WHEN HE IS OLD
WORDS FROM THE BIBLE, AND MOM BROUGHT US UP THAT WAY
SHE SAID PUT GOD FIRST IN EVERYTHING YOU DO
DON'T FAIL THE LORD CHILD, AND HE'LL NEVER FAIL YOU
HE MAY NOT GRANT YOUR WISHES
BUT HE'LL SUPPLY YOUR NEEDS WHEN YOU PRAY
SHE SAID NOW BE FRIENDLY TO YOUR NEIGHBOR WHEN HE ISN'T VERY KIND
AND IF HE DOESN'T SPEAK WHY JUST PAY HIM NO MIND
RETURN GOOD FOR EVIL, NOW THAT'S WHAT THE GOOD BOOK SAID
OH AND NEVER LET THE SUN GO DOWN ON YOUR WRATH
BE SURE OF YOUR STEPS AS YOU TRAVEL THIS PATH
REMEMBER UNKIND WORDS CAN NEVER, NEVER BE UNSAID
SHE TAUGHT US TO ANSWER OUR ELDERS, MA'AM AND SIR
THAT A CHILD WAS MOSTLY TO BE SEEN, NOT TO BE HEARD
THAT SILENCE WAS GOLDEN AND WE SURE LEARNED A LOT OF THINGS THAT WAY
MOM NEVER SPARED THE ROD TO SPOIL THE CHILD
SHE COULD WHIP YOU WITH A HICKORY AND MAKE YOU LOVE HER ALL THE WHILE
I WOULDN'T TAKE A MILLION DOLLARS FOR MY CHILDHOOD DAYS
AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THINGS HAVE CHANGED SINCE I WAS A CHILD
I GUESS OLD-FASHIONED MOMS MUST HAVE GONE OUT OF STYLE
IF THEIR TEACHINGS ARE STRICT AND THEY'RE ODD AND NOT REALLY TOO BRIGHT
BUT MOM SAID A GOOD NAME WAS A PRICELESS THING
YOU COULDN'T BUY IT WITH GOLD OR SILVER NOR ANYTHING
WAY DOWN DEEP INSIDE I GUESS I KNEW THAT MOM MUST HAVE BEEN RIGHT

Repeat Chorus

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