

Just a Mom!

She was cooking and cleaning
This that and the other,
Just her daily routine as
A wife and a mother.

While her oldest was making a
New mess with a neighbor,
And helping them clean would
Now increase her labor.

When her little one's friend,
With a gleam in his eye,
Started eagerly listing
All the things that they buy,

Cause, 'his mom is a boss,
And she makes lots of money,ⁱ
So he's got a new I-phone,
A bike and a bunny. . . ' ii

As he continued, the
Day felt less sunny,
And she thought to herself, wow,
His mouth's very runny.ⁱⁱⁱ

Then he asked about her,
And her son said quite calm,
"I don't have all those things,
And, oh, she's just a mom."

Then much later that day,
Before nap-time had passed,
A quick knock at the door,
Brought a blast from the past,

An old friend from college
Was passing through town,
On a quick business trip,
But an hour, she found.

So they sat down with coffee,
And they both reminisced
About the good times they'd had,
Which they both kind of missed.

Then her friend bluntly asked what
She does through the day.
"Oh, I'm just a mom," she
Then heard herself say.

Then after they'd talked, as
Her friend said good-bye,
She was quite sure that
She heard her friend sigh.^{iv}

Then much later that night as
She lay in her bed,
Satan started recalling
The things which were said.^v

Injecting first-person thoughts,^{vi}
He said, "Why am I here?
And am I just wasting
My days and my years?"

I'm doing laundry and
I'm washing dishes,
I'm refereeing fights over
Self-centered wishes.

I'm mopping up floors and
Bathrooms, I'm cleaning,
I'm changing diapers,
It's all so demeaning."

And so she just lay there,
Her eyes open wide,^{vii}
Could she, to her husband,
These questions confide?

Then God interrupted
And Satan retreated,
God said, "Listen, my child,^{viii}
And don't be defeated.^{ix}

You're here where I want you,
You're here in your home,
Raising your children, so
From Me, they won't roam. ^x

So love and instruct them,^{xi}
Comfort and hold them,
And into my likeness,^{xii}
You're to help mold them.^{xiii}

And your husband, he needs you,^{xiv}
For I've made him wise,^{xv}
To help raise your children,
On you he relies.

And if you seek greatness,
Then serving's the way,^{xvi}
And store up your treasures
In Heaven each day."^{xvii}

////// Now many years later,
Her children are raised,
They love and serve God, so
Their parents, they praise.^{xviii}

And she needs to leave early
From her job at the store,
Her grandchildren are coming
And she needs to get more

Toppings for cookies, a
Cute pan for the cake,
Her grandchildren's favorites,
She's planning to make.

And so they arrive with
Both laughter and hugs,
But, soon there's a spill
On the living-room rug.

And she moves quite swiftly
To clean up the mess,
For she still seeks to serve and
She still seeks to bless.

And her children, they thank her
For giving her life -
To being their mom and
To being a wife.

And they visit quite often,
Their love is so deep,
She did what God said, now
These blessings she reaps.

////// Now many years later,
With loved ones around,
She's ready for Heaven,
To earth be unbound.

And her family, they praise her
For a life lived so well,^{xix}
And ways that she blessed them,
They each choose to tell.

Now they say good-bye,
But it won't be for long,
For they all know Jesus,
And to Him they belong.

And Jesus, He sets her
On streets of pure gold,^{xx}
And she suddenly finds that
She's no longer old.^{xxi}

But He doesn't stop there,
No, He takes her up high,^{xxii}
To a room like a mansion,^{xxiii}
Which touches the sky.

And the angels rejoice, oh^{xxiv}
They cannot stay calm,
Asking, "Who made it this high?"
Jesus says, -- "Just a mom!"^{xxv}

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- ⁱ People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. 1 Timothy 6:9-10
- ⁱⁱ Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world--the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does--comes not from the Father but from the world. 1 John 2:15-16
- ⁱⁱⁱ When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise. Proverbs 10:19
- ^{iv} For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight. 1 Corinthians 3:19
- ^v Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. Ephesians 4:27
- ^{vi} Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. Ephesians 6:11
- ^{vii} When I think my bed will comfort me and my couch will ease my complaint, even then you frighten me with dreams and terrify me with visions, Job 7:13-14
- ^{viii} For God does speak--now one way, now another--though man may not perceive it. Job 33:14
- ^{ix} Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8
- ^x Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6
- ^{xi} Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Deuteronomy 11:18-19
- ^{xii} For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son . . . Romans 8:29,
- ^{xiii} Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They will be a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck. Proverbs 1:8-9
- ^{xiv} The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." Genesis 2:18
- ^{xv} If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. James 1:5
- ^{xvi} Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. Mark 10:43
- ^{xvii} But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. Matthew 6:20
- ^{xviii} She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: Proverbs 31:27-28
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- ^{xx} The great street of the city was of pure gold, like transparent glass. Revelation 21:21
- ^{xxi} There are also heavenly bodies and there are earthly bodies; but the splendor of the heavenly bodies is one kind, and the splendor of the earthly bodies is another. 1 Corinthians 15:40
- ^{xxii} But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first. Matthew 19:30
- ^{xxiii} In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. John 14:2
- ^{xxiv} In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Luke 15:10
- ^{xxv} His master replied, `Well done, good and faithful servant! Matthew 25:21