

EVA TANGUAY'S GREAT "MOTHER" SONG

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*Andante moderato*

I've been a-round the world, you bet, But nev-er went to school, Hard  
When I was but a ba-by, long be-fore I learned to walk, While  
knocks are all I seem to get, Per-haps I've been a fool; But still, some ed-u-ca-ted folks, sup-  
ly-ing in my cra-dle, I would try my best to talk; It was-n't long, be-fore I spoke, and  
posed to be so swell, Would fail, if they were called up-on a sim-ple word to spell. Now  
all the neigh-bors heard, My folks were ve-ry proud of me, for "Moth-er" was the word. Al-  
if you'd like to put me to a test, There's one dear name that I can spell the best:—  
though I'll nev-er lay a claim to fame,— I'm sat-is-fied that I can spell the name:—

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## CHORUS

"M" is for the mil-lion things she gave me, "O" means on-ly that she's grow-ing  
 is for the mer-cy she pos-ses-ses, means that I owe her all I

old, own, "T" is for the 'tears were shed to save me,  
 is for her ten-der sweet ca-res-ses,

"H" is for her heart of pur-est gold;—"E" is for her eyes, with love-light  
 is for her hands that made a home;— means ev-'ry-thing she's done to

shin-ing, help me, "R" means right, and right she'll al-ways be,  
 means real and reg-u-lar, you see,

Put them all to-geth-er, they spell "MOTH-ER," A word that means the world to me.