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EVA TANGUAY'S GREAT "MOTHER" SONG
M-O-T-H-E-R
A word that means the world to me



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M-O-T-H-E-R

A Word That Means The World To Me

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Andante moderato

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth notes and a trill, while the left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and eighth notes. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is common time (C).

The first system of the song includes a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with the lyrics: "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". The piano accompaniment continues with a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and chords in the left hand.

The second system of the song includes a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "knocks are all I seem to get, Per-haps I've been a fool; But ly-ing in my cra-dle, I would try my best to talk; It". The piano accompaniment maintains the same rhythmic and harmonic structure as the first system.

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still, some ed - u - ca - ted folks, sup - posed to be so swell, Would
was - n't long, be - fore I spoke, and all the neigh - bors heard, My

fail, if they were called up - on a sim - ple word to spell. Now
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
though I'll nev - er lay a claim to fame, _____ I'm

one dear name that I can spell the best: _____
sat - is - fied that I can spell this name: _____

CHORUS

"M" is for the mil - lion things she gave me,
is for the mer - cy she pos - ses - ses,

"O" means on - ly that she's grow - ing old, ———
means that I owe her all I 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; ———
is for her hands that made a home; ———

"E" is for her eyes, with love - light shin - ing,
 means ev - 'ry - thing she's done to 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.

