

# Dr. Hook, Sylvia's Mother

Sylvia's mother says Sylvia's busy  
Too busy to come to the phone  
Sylvia's mother says Sylvia's trying  
To start a new life of her own  
Sylvia's mother says Sylvia's happy  
So why don't you leave her alone  
And the operator says forty cents more  
For the next three minutes

Please, Mrs. Avery, I just gotta talk to her  
I'll only keep her awhile  
Please, Mrs. Avery, I just wanna tell her goodbye

Sylvia's mother says Sylvia's packing  
She's gonna be leaving today  
Sylvia's mother says Sylvia's marrying  
A fella down Galveston way  
Sylvia's mother says please don't say nothing  
To make her start crying and stay  
And the operator says forty cents more  
For the next three minutes

Please, Mrs. Avery, I just gotta talk to her  
I'll only keep her awhile  
Please, Mrs. Avery, I just wanna tell her goodbye

Sylvia's mother says Sylvia's hurrying  
She's catching the nine o'clock train  
Sylvia's mother says take your umbrella  
'Cause Sylvie, it's starting to rain  
And Sylvia's mother says thank you for calling  
And, sir, won't you call back again  
And the operator says forty cents more  
For the next three minutes

Please, Mrs. Avery, I just gotta talk to her  
I'll only keep her a while  
Please, Mrs. Avery, I just wanna tell her goodbye  
Tell her goodbye  
Please, tell her goodbye