The Stanley Brothers, Little Benny

One night as the stars were all shining Little Benny knelt down by his bed He asked the dear Lord to forgive him For all the bad words he had said

Please papa don't whip little Benny Please papa don't whip little Ben He's little and wants you to love him Please papa don't whip little Ben

You remember how Mama loved Benny How she kissed him the morning ahe died She told him to love and obey you And I know little Benny has tried

Oh what if dear Mama in Heaven Should be looking way down from the sky And see you whip little Benny I know it would make Mama cry

Those very bad words that he said He learned from some old wicked men He's little and didn't know better Please papa don't whip little Ben