

# Connie Francis, For Mama

Ave Maria

She said: "My daughter, I beg of you  
I have a wish that must come true  
The last thing you can do for Mama  
Please promise me that you will stay  
And take my place while I'm away  
And give the children love each day"  
I had to cry, what could I say?  
How hard I tried to find the words  
I prayed she wouldn't see my cry  
So much to say that should be heard  
But only time to say goodbye to Mama  
They say in time that you'll forget  
Yet still today my eyes are wet  
I tell myself to smile for Mama  
Now soon there'll be another spring  
And I will start remembering  
The way she loved to hear me sing  
Her favorite song, "Ave Maria"  
Ave Maria  
The children have all grown up now  
I kept my promise to Mama  
I cannot guide them anymore  
I've done my best all for Mama  
Ave Maria  
But still it seems so very small  
For all she did for me