

# 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