

Guthrie Arlo, Mother The Queen Of My Heart

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SOURCE: Bob Pfeffer

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COMMENTS: A Jimmy Rodgers song

TEXT: (Capo up to D)

C G7 C C7

I had a home down in Texas

F C

Down where the bluebonnets grew

G7 C a

I had the kindest old mother

D7 G G7

How happy we were, just we two

C G7 C

Then one day the angels called her

C7 F

Said they, we'd all have to pay

F C a

She called me close to her bedside

C G7 C

These last few words to say

Son, don't start drinkin' and gamblin'

Promise you'll always go straight

Ten years have passed since that parting

That promise I broke by mistake

I started in gambling for pastime

At last I was just like them all

I bet my clothes and my money

Not dreaming that I'd ever fall

One night I bet all my money

Nothing was left to be seen

And all that I needed to beat them

Was one card, and that was the queen

The cards were dealt all round the table

Each one took a card in the draw

And I drew the one that would beat them

I turned it and here's what I saw

I saw my mother's picture

And somehow she seemed to say

"Son, you have broken your promise"

So I tossed the cards all away

The winnings I gave to the newsboy

I knew I was wrong from the start

And I'll never forget my promise

To my mother, the queen of my heart

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