

# Nellie McKay, Mama & Me

It's just my mama and me  
And though I know it may be  
Hard to be mama and me  
Well we got time  
Time time  
With my mom by my side  
I know I'll always survive  
We'll never give up the fight  
Cause we got time  
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I didn't wanna go  
So far from home  
But it was time you know  
Children got to roam  
But now I need her so  
She's my mom

There's a lotta things that I'm proud of in this world  
I got a pinch of Shirley Chisholm  
And a sprinkle of That Girl  
Are you lookin at me  
Cuz there's no one else here  
I'm a legally blonde 3  
The curse of the big hair  
And now the critics've weighed in  
Well it's time to give credit  
To the person who's the limit  
Although she's never said it  
To whom I am indebted  
Who cuts the final edit  
She's my mama mama mama and I want you all to get it

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So hold on  
Hold tight  
This meetin's adjourned  
For people with degrees  
You got a lot to learn  
We been earnin jack shit man  
Feelin the burn  
Lost the girdle  
Jumped the hurdle  
So now it's our turn  
See I been livin with my mama  
Since I was an embryo  
Never had Nintendo  
Saw a lot of Brecht though  
I only knew you since Jewel went techno  
You think I'm gonna listen and write you a check  
No  
I felt so small  
Barely big enough to crawl  
My mother would call me  
As I stalled by the wall

Of the daycare I was placed in  
While she's making low wages  
And my granny's tracin those crazy sad faces  
That I taste in my soul  
Old as coal in the mountains  
Movin over me slowly  
Scoldin me when I'm lonely  
And waiting for mama  
To enfold me and hold me  
As she told me  
We were gonna be okay

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I think back to those days  
It makes me so mad  
Can't even fathom  
The chasm she had to collapse  
I'm an educated woman  
But I wanna attack  
Wanna slap my granddad  
Wanna wack my dad  
Where were you  
When we were at the welfare office  
The atmosphere's toxic  
The clerks are obnoxious  
The kids nosh on chocolate  
Chompin their losses  
Can't even charge the clothes  
So play with osh b'gosh boxes  
Those bruises  
Short fuses  
Of bad guys  
And black eyes  
The losin  
The oozing  
Of blood down your right thigh  
The wantin to die  
With your nose broken  
Heart chokin  
Hitchin a ride with a  
Chain smoking  
Plain spoken  
Gent who's gonna drive you  
As far as he can  
But he ain't got the rent  
And you ain't got a man  
What now mama  
Tell me you got a plan  
We're gonna make little darlin  
With a government grant

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