Tom T. Hall, A Picture Of Your Mother

My little girl and I lost mama just three years ago
And now that she is older there are things she wants to know
She said, "please daddy tell me 'bout my mother 'cause I miss her."
I said, "get pen and paper and I'll help your draw her picture."

I said, " first draw a heart so big there's room for little else Then write a million for the things that she denied herself Draw a rose the kind of which there'll never be another And when you finish you will have a picture of your mother

"if you want to make the picture even more complete You could draw a little cottage, draw it nice and neat Draw a bright and shining sun up in the sky above But then again I guess it's pretty hard to draw my love

"so draw a heart so big that there is room for little else Write a million for the things that she denied herself Draw a rose the kind of which there'll never be another And when you finish you will have a picture of your mother."