

SWEET MAMA

Chorus

Oh sweet mama, please take it all away
Hold me close, and let the memories fade
Love the way you smile when Daddy's not at home
Can't you see that you are better off alone
Oh sweet mama, you take it all away

My daddy's banging pills
Each one a bullet nearly kills
1 pill then 2, then 3
And I'm paying his fees

How many more? 4,5, then 6,
Found him in the elementary school ditch
7, 8, and then 9,
Why don't you stop when mama cries

10, 11, then 12
This life is far beyond hell
Seems no one listens when I pray
So I just close my eyes and say

Always put down and abused
Why you do those things you do
Say I'll always be your little girl
Well you have no say in this world

You will forever hate
The man that you have become
But I will be a better man
Be a good son for my mom

If you keep listening to the voices
They will tear you apart
And you'll have nothing left to show
But a black black heart

Dad I'm begging, what's your deal
What will it take for you to heal?
Can't take back all that I have seen
But I just want you to be clean

I want you to accept your son
And all bad things that you've done
Let's get past this, let's move on
So I can stop singing this song

Would you believe this was years ago
But it still lives on in my soul
Still my sweet mama got away
And now she's happy today

Oh sweet mama, please take it all away
Hold me close and let the memories fade
Love the way you smile when daddy's not at home
Glad that you can see you're better off alone
Oh sweet mama, so glad you got away

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