It was an early summer day
But it seems like just yesterday
When mama looked right in my face
And told me she was going away
If I could count all the tears that I cried
I'd be empty and lost inside
So I'll try to find a smile
and hold my head up high

Mama said, don't cry
I'm going away up high
Don't be afraid, be strong
Just keep on holding on

Mama said, don't cry
Dry all the tears from your eyes
Don't be afraid, be strong
Just keep on holding on

So young, but yet so wise
So much beauty was in her eyes
No one could quite explain
just why she had to face the pain
But when the day comes and hits your time
only God knows the reason why
She was my angel, my light, and my friend
But one day we'll be together again

But now that I know she has gone away, gone away, gone away
There were days when I wish that I could run away, run away, run away
And if I could, there would be another summer day, summer day, summer day when I could see my mother's face again

'Cause mama said, don't cry I'm goin away, way up high Don't be afraid, be strong Just keep on holding on

'Cause mama said, baby don't ya cry Just dry all the tears from your eyes Don't be afraid, be strong Just keep holding on

And on and on and on and on and on Gone away, gone away, gone away Run away, run away, run away Summer day, summer day, summer day Will see my mother's face again....