Motherless children have a hard time When their mama is gone
Motherless children have a hard time When their mama is gone
Motherless children have a hard time All that weeping
And all that crying
Motherless children have a hard time When their mama is gone
When their mama is gone

So, hush, little baby
Don't you cry
Cause your mama is gone
Cause your mama is gone
I say, hush, little baby
Please don't cry
Cause your mama is gone
Cause your mama is gone
I beg you, hush, little baby
Don't you cry
You gonna see your mama
In the by and by
Hush, little baby
Don't you cry
Cause your mama is gone

Husband or wife may be good to you
When your mama is gone
Oh, when your mama's gone
Your husband or wife may be good to you
When your mama is gone
Oh, when your mama's gone
Husband or wife may be good to you
But nobody treat you like your mama do
Motherless children have a hard time
When their mama is gone
When their mama is gone

Motherless children have a hard time
When their mama is gone
Motherless children have a hard time
When their mama is gone
Motherless children have a hard time
All that weeping now
And all that crying
Motherless children have a hard time
When their mama is gone
When their mama
Is gone
When their mama
Is gone
When their mama
Is gone