## **The Only Child**

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Boy of mine as your fortune comes to carry you down the line And you watch as the changes unfold
And you sort among the stories you've been told
If some pieces of the picture are hard to find
And the answers to your questions are hard to hold

Take good care of your mother when you're making up your mind Should one thing or another take you from behind Though the world may make you hard and wild And determine how your life is styled When you've come to feel that you're the only child Take good care of your brother

Let the disappointments pass let the laughter fill your glass Let your illusions last until they shatter Whatever you might hope to find Among the thoughts that crowd your mind There won't be many that ever really matter

But take good care of your mother and remember to be kind When the pain of another will serve you to remind That there are those who feel themselves exiled On whom the fortune never smiled And upon whose life the heartache has been piled They're just looking for another lonely child

And when you've found another soul who sees into your own
Take good care of each other
Take good care of each other when you're thinking you're alone
Beware of each other
When you're looking for something of your own
Take good care of each other
Finding under care of each other