

## No Charge

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My sister's little boy came in the kitchen one evening  
While she was fixing supper  
And he handed her a piece paper he had been writing on  
And after wiping her hands on an apron  
She took it in her hands and read it  
And this is what it said:

For mowing the yard five dollars  
And for making up my own bed this week one dollar  
For going to the store fifty cents  
And playing with little brother while you went shopping twenty  
five cents  
Taking out the trash one dollar  
And for getting a good report card five dollars  
And for raking the yard two dollars  
Total owed one fourteen seventy five

Well she looked at him standing there and expecting  
And a thousand memories flashed through her mind  
So she picked up pen and turned the paper over and this is what  
she wrote:

For the nine months I carried you holding you inside me \$ no ch  
arge  
For the nights I sat up with doctored you and prayed for you \$  
no charge  
For the time and tears and the costs through the years  
There is no charge  
When you add it all up the full cost of my love is \$ no charge

For the nights filled with grey  
And the worries ahead  
For the advice and the knowledge  
And the costs of your college  
There is no charge  
For the toys, school, and clothes  
And for wiping your nose  
There's no charge son  
When you add it all the full cost of my love is no charge

Well you know when I think about that  
I think about the day that Jesus went out to Calvary and gave h  
is life as a ransom for me  
When I think on the words "if any man be in Christ he's a new c  
reature"  
I like to think about the very minute that he shed his blood  
My debt was paid in full  
And I want you to know today

When you add it all up  
The full cost of real love is no charge