

# To The Other Man

Tavares

Hey Mama, hey Mama

Mama used to take me across her lap  
She used to whip me with a strap  
When I was bad  
I didn't know at the time  
Being bad could lead to crime  
But now I'm glad

Well, she kept me on the double  
I stayed out of trouble  
Now I understand  
She said, "Son, you gotta give a heck  
Promise you'll always give respect  
To the other man"

When I used to make fun of others  
She'd say, "No not to your brothers"  
And that ain't all (that ain't all)  
"When someone is feeling low  
Think of the nicest things you know  
To make them feel tall"

I'll never forget what Mama said  
When she kneeled down and prayed  
For my father's guiding hand  
"Throw your arms around his neck  
Make him proud to give respect  
To the other man"

Whoa, now that I'm a man (now that I'm a man)  
God has taken my mother's hand (God has taken my mother's hand)  
And now-ow-wow-wow-wow-wow, I'll carry on  
Oh, sometimes I'll have to weep  
Mother's love I'll always keep  
'Cause she made me strong

And if I should ever have a son (if I should ever have a son)  
We're gonna have lots of fun (we're gonna have lots of fun)  
And I'll teach him up to understand  
She said, "Son, you gotta give a heck  
Promise you'll always give respect  
To the other man"

She said, "Son, you gotta give a heck (you gotta give respect)  
Promise you'll always give respect" (and I know, I know, I know what my mother would tell me)  
She said, "Son, you gotta give a heck (you gotta give respect)  
Promise you'll always give respect"

She said, "Son, you gotta give a heck (you gotta give respect now)  
Promise you'll always give respect" (and I know, I know, I know what my mother would tell me)  
She said, "Son, you gotta give a heck (you gotta give respect)  
Promise you'll always give respect"

She said, "Son, you gotta give a heck

Promise you'll always give respect  
To the other man"