

[Intro]

	D	
e	-----	--pb12(13)-----
B	----10----10----8----7----7---	-----13--pb5(6)---/3--/3---
G	---7-----7-----7-----7-----7---7-	-----5--/2--/2---
D	-0-----0-----0-----0-----0-----	-----0--0---
A	-----	-----
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[Verse 1]

	D	G	D	G
The first thing I remember knowing was a lonesome whistle blowin'				
	D	A7		
And a young un's dream of growin' up to ride				
	D	G	D	G
On a freight train leavin' town, not knowin' where I'm bound				
	D	A7	D	
And no one could change my mind, but Mama tried				

[Verse 2]

	D	G	D	G
One and only rebel child, from a family meek and mild				
	D	A7		
My Mama seemed to know what lay in store				
	D	G	D	G
'Spite of all my Sunday learnin', toward the bad I kept on turnin'				
	D	A7	D	
'Til Mama couldn't hold me anymore				

[Chorus]

	D	G	D
And I turned twenty-one in prison doin' life without parole			
	Bm	A7	
No one could steer me right, but Mama tried, Mama tried			
	D	G	D
Mama tried to raise me better, but her pleading I denied,			
	A7	D	
that leaves only me to blame, 'cause Mama tried			

[Guitar Solo]

	D	G
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B	-----13--pb5(6)-----3---3-5-3-	
G	-----5--2/4---4-----	
D	-----	
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E |-----|

	D	A7	D
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B	-----pb5(6)r---		
G	-----5-		
D	---0-0-3-0-0-5-0-0-6-5-3-0-3-5---0-----		
A	-4-----		
E	-----		

[Verse 3]

	D	G	D	G
Dear old Daddy, rest his soul, he left my mom a heavy load				
	D	A7		
She tried so very hard to fill his shoes				
	D	G	D	G
Workin' hours without rest, wanted me to have the best				
	D	A7	D	
She tried to raise me right, but I refused				

[Chorus]

	D	G	D
And I turned twenty-one in prison doin' life without parole			
Bm	A7		
No one could steer me right, but Mama tried, Mama tried			
	D	G	D
Mama tried to raise me better, but her pleading I denied,			
	A7	D	
that leaves only me to blame, 'cause Mama tried			

[Outro]

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G	---7---7---7---7---7---7---	-----5---/2---/2---
D	-0---0---0---0---0---0---	-----0---0---
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