SYLVIA’S MOTHER

Sylvia's mother says, "Sylvia's busy, too busy to come to the phone"

Sylvia's mother says, "Sylvia's trying, to start a new life of her own"

Sylvia's mother says, "Sylvia's happy so why don't you leave her a-lone?"

And the operator says, "Forty cents more, for the next three minutes"

Please Mrs. Avery, I've just got to talk to her, I'll only keep her a while

Please Mrs. Avery, I just want to tell her good-bye

Sylvia's mother says, "Sylvia's packing, she's gonna be leavin’ to-day"

Sylvia's mother says, "Sylvia's marryin’, a fellow down Galveston way"

Sylvia's mother says, "Please don't say nothin’ to make her start crying and stay"
Sylvia’s Mother

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Sylvia's mother says, "Sylvia's hurryin' she's catchin' the nine o'clock train"

Sylvia's mother says, "Take your umbrella, 'cause, Sylvia, it's starting to rain"

And Sylvia's mother says, "Thank you for calling, and, sir, won't you call back a-gain"

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(fade) Tell her good-bye, please, tell her good-bye
SYLVIA’S MOTHER—Shel Silverstein
4/4 1…2…1234 (slow count)

Intro:  D (2 measures)

D  A
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A7
D
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G  D  A7  D
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G  D  A  D
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G  D  A  A7
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