

Tell Mother I'll Be There

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1. When I was but a lit - tle child how well I re - col - lect How
2. Though I was oft - en way - ward, she was al - ways kind and good; So
3. When I be - came a prod - i - gal, and left the old roof - tree, She
4. One day a mes - sage came to me, it bade me quick - ly come If

I would grieve my mo - ther with my fol - ly and ne - glect; And
pa - tient, gen - tle, lov - ing when I act - ed rough and rude; My
al - most broke her lov - ing heart in mourn - ing af - ter me; And
I would see my mo - ther ere the Sav - ior took her home; I

now that she has gone to Heav'n I miss her ten - der care: O Sav - ior, tell my mo - ther, I'll be
child - hood griefs and tri - als she would glad - ly with me share: O Sav - ior, tell my mo - ther, I'll be
day and night she prayed to God to keep me in His care: O Sav - ior, tell my mo - ther, I'll be
prom - ised her, be - fore she died, for heav - en to pre - pare: O Sav - ior, tell my mo - ther, I'll be

Refrain

there!
there! Tell mo - ther I'll be there, in an - swer to her prayer; This mes - sage, bless - èd Sav - ior, to her bear! Tell
there!
there!

mo - ther I'll be there, Heav'n's joys with her to share; Yes, tell my dar - ling mo - ther I'll be there.