

POEM

A SONNET FOR MY INCOMPARABLE MOTHER



Preparatory activity:

Using the clues given below, try to write a few lines about your mother:

1) *My mother is* _____

My mother is _____

My mother is _____

But my mother is not _____

troublesome, helpful, kind, selfish,
loving, beautiful, strong, intelligent, brave,
affectionate, greedy, quarrelsome.

2) *My mother likes* _____

My mother likes _____

My mother likes _____

But my mother does not like _____

vegetables, fruits, me, my father, her
sister, chocolates, cooking, ice-cream,
reading, watching TV, junk food, fighting,
wasting time, being lazy, being rude

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I often contemplate my childhood, Mom.
I am a mother now, and so I know
Hard work is mixed together with the fun;
You learned that when you raised me long ago.
I think of all the things you gave to me:
Sacrifice, devotion, love and tears.
Your heart, your mind, your energy and soul-
All these you spent on me throughout the years.
You loved me with a never-failing love
You gave me strength and sweet security,
And then you did the hardest thing of all:
You let me separate and set me free.
Every day, I try my best to be
A mother like the mom you were to me.

F Joanna

Glossary :

<i>sonnet</i>	:	<i>a poem having 14 lines with a fixed rhyme scheme</i>
<i>incomparable</i>	:	<i>extremely good, beautiful</i>
<i>contemplate</i>	:	<i>think about</i>
<i>raise</i>	:	<i>bring up, look after</i>
<i>hard</i>	:	<i>difficult</i>