

MOTHER KNOWS BEST

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Moderately, with rubato

N.C.

MOTHER GOTHEL: *Spoken: You want to go outside? Why, Rapunzel...!*

Fmaj7 F6/9 Dm7 F/G G7

Look at you, as fra - gile as a flow - er, still a lit - tle sap - pling, just a sprout.

Gm7 C6 C#dim7 Dm G7 Bb/C Bbm/C

MOTHER GOTHEL:

You know why we stay up in this tow - er? That's right, to keep you safe and sound, yes.

RAPUNZEL: *Spoken: I know, but...*

rit.

Fmaj7

F6/9

Dm7

G9

Guess I al-ways knew this day was com- ing,

knew that soon you'd want to leave the nest.

a tempo

Bbm

Bbm6

F/A

D9

Gm11

C

Soon, but not yet, shh, trust me pet;

Moth - er knows

RAPUNZEL: But!

Fmaj7

F6

Fmaj7

F6

Fmaj7

Fmaj9

Fmaj7

F6

best.

Moth-er knows best,

lis - ten to your Moth - er,

Gm7/F

C7/F

Fmaj7

Fmaj7

Fmaj9

Fmaj7

F6

it's a sca - ry world out there.

Moth-er knows best,

one way or an - oth - er,

Gm7/F C7/F Eb/F F7/A Bbmaj7 Bbm6

some-thing will go wrong, I swear. Ruf-fi-ans, thugs, poi-son i-vy, quick-sand,

Am7 Dm G7

can-ni-bals and snakes, oh, the plague! Yes! Al- so large bugs, men with point-y teeth and
RAPUNZEL: No! But! *8va*-----

Bbm C7 Fmaj7 F6 Fmaj7 F6

stop, no more, you'll just up- set me. Moth-er's right here, moth-er will pro- tect you,

Gm7 C Eb/F F7 Bbmaj7 Bbm/Db Am7 D9

dar-ling, here's what I sug- gest: Skip the dra- ma, stay with Ma- ma,

rit.

Gm7 C N.C. Fmaj7 F6

Moth-er _____ knows best. Go a-head, get tram-pled by a rhi-no,

freely *a tempo*

Dm Dm7 G7sus G7 Gm7 C9sus C7b9

go a-head, get mugged and left for dead. Me, I'm just your moth-er, what do I know? I

Dm7 G13 Gm/C Gm7b5/C Bbm/C

on - ly bathed and changed and nursed you.

poco a poco rit.

Fmaj7 F6/9 Fmaj7 F6 Dm7 G7

Go a-head and leave me, I de-serve it. Let me die a-lone here, be my guest!

a tempo

Bbm Bbm6 Am7 D7 Gm11 C7

When it's too late, you'll see, just wait, Mother knows

poco rit. *slower, freely*

Fmaj7 F6/9 Fmaj7 F6 Fmaj7 F6 Fmaj7 F6

best. Mother knows best, take it from your Mum - sy,

a tempo

Gm7/F C7/F Fmaj7 F6 Fmaj7 F6 Fmaj7 F6

on your own, you won't sur - vive. Slop - py, un - der - dressed, im - ma - tu - re, clum - sy,

Gm7/F C7 Eb/F F7 Bbmaj7 Bbm6

please, they'll eat you up a - live. Gul - li - ble, na - ive, pos - i - tive - ly grub - by,

Am7



Dm7



G7sus



G7



dit - zy and a bit, well, hmm, vague.

Plus, I be - lieve,

get - ting kind of chub - by.

Bbm6



C7



C7/E



Fmaj7



F6



Fmaj7



F6



I'm just say - ing 'cause I wuv you.

Moth - er un - der - stands,

moth - er's here to help you,

molto rit.

deliberately

a tempo

Gm7



C7



Cm7



Eb/F



F7



all I have is one re - quest.

rit.

Much slower

Bbmaj7



Bbm



Am7



D9



N.C.

Spoken: Rapunzel?

RAPUNZEL: Yes?

MOTHER GOTHEL: Don't ever ask to leave this tower again.

rit.

A Tempo

Fmaj7 F6 Fmaj7 F6

2/4

RAPUNZEL: *Yes, Mother.* **MOTHER GOTHEL:** *I love you very much, dear.*

Gm7 C7 Cm7 F7

2/4

RAPUNZEL: *I love you more.* **MOTHER GOTHEL:** *I love you most.*

Bbmaj7 Bbm(maj7) Am7 D9

2/4

Don't for - get it, you'll re - gret it,

N.C. C7 Db F N.C.

2/4

Moth - er _____ knows best.