

The Mom Song

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Get up now get up now get up out of bed
Wash you face brush your teeth comb your sleepy head
Here's your clothes. and your shoes. Hear the words I said.
Get up now. Get up and make your bed

Are you hot? Are you cold? Are you wearing that?
Where's your books? And your lunch. and your homework at?
Grab your coat and your gloves and your scarf and hat.
Don't forget you got to feed the cat.

Eat your breakfast experts tell us it the most important meal of all
Take your vitamin so you will grow up one day to be big and tall.
Remember the orthodontist will be seeing you at three today.
Don't forget your piano lesson is this afternoon so you must play.

Don't shovel. Chew slowly. But hurry. The bus is here.
Be careful. Come back here. Did you wash behind your ears.

Play out side. Don't play rough. Will you just play fair.
Be polite. Make a friend. Don't forget to share.
Work it out. Wait your turn. Never take a dare.
Get along. Don't make me come down there.

Clean your room. Fold your clothes. Put your stuff away.
Make your bed. Do it now. Do we have all day.
Were you born in a barn? Would you like some hay?
Can you even hear a word I say?

Answer the phone. Get off the phone.
Don't sit so close. Turn it down. No texting at the table.

No more computer time tonight.
Your iPod's my iPod, if you don't listen up.

Where you going and with whom and what time do you think you're coming home.
Saying thank you please excuse me makes you welcome everywhere you roam.
You'll appreciate my wisdom someday when you're older and your grown.
Can't wait 'til you have a couple little children of your own.

You'll thank me for the counsel I gave you so willingly.
But right now I'd thank you not to roll your eyes at me.

Close your mouth when you chew we'd appreciate

Take a bite maybe two of the stuff you hate.
Use a fork. Do not burp or I'll set you straight.
Eat the food I put upon your plate.

Get an A. Get the door. Don't get smart with me.
Get a grip. Get down here on the one, two, three.
Get a job. Get a life. Get a PhD.

I don't care who started it. You're grounded until you're thirty-six.
Get your story straight and tell the truth for once for heaven's sake.
And if all of your friend jumped off a cliff would you jump to?
If I've said it once I've said at least a thousand times before
That you're too old to act this way.
It must be your father's DNA

Look at me when I am talking
Stand up straighter when you walk
A place for everything
And everything must be in place

Stop crying or I'll give you something real to cry about.
Oh.

Wash your face brush your teeth but your PJs on.
Get in Bed. Get a hug. Say a prayer with mom
Don't forget that I love you. {Kiss}

And tomorrow we will do this all again because a mom's work never ends.

You don't need the reason why.

Because, because, because, because.
I said so. I said so. I said so. I said so.
I'm the mom. The mom. The mom. The mom.
The mom. Ta Da.