

Mama Tried

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The first thing I re-mem-ber know-in' was a lone-some whis-le blow-in' and a
5 young-un's dream of grow-in up to ride _____ on a freight train leav-in' town, not
11 know-in where I'm bound, and no one couled change my mind, but ma-ma tried. _____ One and
17 on-ly reb-el child from a fam-'ly meek and mild, my ma-ma seemed to know what lay in
dad-dy rest his oul, left my mam a hea-ry load, she tried so ver-ry hard to fill his
23 store. _____ 'Spite of all my Sun-day learn-in towards the bad I kept on
shoes. _____ Work-in' hou-rs with-out rest, _____ want-ed me to have the
28 turn-in', 'til ma-ma could-n't hold me an-y more. _____ And I turned twen-ty-one in
best, _____ she tried to raise me right but I re-fused. _____
34 pris-on, do-in' life with-out pa-rol. No one could steer me right but ma-ma tried, ma-ma
40 tried. Ma-ma tried to raise me bet-ter, but her plead-ing I de-nied. That leaves
45 on-ly me to blame, 'cause ma-ma tried. _____ Dear ol' tried. _____