

# **Mom: Every Day Is Mother's Day**

## **A Choral Readers Theater**

By Carol Montgomery

Performance Time = a little over a minute

**Readability:** Sorry, the Flesch-Kincaid Readability formula with Word says this is grade point 7 (.7). I'd say primary grades--with vocabulary help as needed.

### **Cast ( 2+):**

Guys

Girls

Springs

Summers

Falls

Winters

Although this short script may be done with just two voices, it was written for choral readers theater where no voice reads alone. The parts of the seasons could be based on when the students have their birthdays, what season they like best, volunteers, or assigned. Students are expected to be in more than one group.

IF you do this choral reading as a performance, you will have to work on enunciation or assign individual parts for clarity.

IF you think the script is too short you may repeat it or write your own lines. Alternatively, you could have single voices read the first time through and chorally the second. Just don't spoil the surprise ending before you're really ending, please! :)

(Note: This script should match most of the first verse of the song, "Mame." It is not a perfect match unless you leave out the Winters line and ignore our ending.)

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**Guys:** You knew me way before I was born.

**All:** Mom.

**Girls:** You loved me, fed me, watched me 'til morn'.

**All:** Mom.

**Springs:** You've got the kitchen cooking and working out a meal to feed the clan.

**Summers:** Now all our tums are looking for something more than fast food, that's the plan.

**All:** Yum!

**Girls:** You make our house a wonderful home.

**All:** Mom.

**Guys:** You make our hearts shine like the car chrome.

**All:** Mom.

**Falls:** You've done so much for us we can't imagine all that you have sacrificed.

**Winters:** You share your love with us and offer all your wisdom and advice.

**Girls:** You make us feel alive again.

**Guys:** You give us all the drive again...

**Voices:** To help us thrive again,

**All:** Mom!

**Girls:** Thanks, Mom!

**Guys:** Yea, thanks, Mom!

**Girls:** I love you!

**Guys:** I love you more!

**All:** Happy Mother's Day!

## Curriculum Links (Valid in 2011):

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/mothersday/>

Crafts and printables for elementary age students to make gifts for Mother's Day.

<http://www.littlegiraffes.com/mothersday.html>

Mother's Day gift ideas for grades K-3.

<http://www.dltk-holidays.com/mom/>

Mother's Day cards, coloring pages, crafts, games and puzzles, poems, recipes (not necessarily healthy).

<http://www.teachervision.fen.com/family-tree/printable/55049.html?detoured=1>

"Your Family Tree" printable for students to fill in the blanks--or make your own!

### You Tube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ex0FWKb4ayg>

"Anna Jarvis and the History of Mother's Day"--a well-done, short documentary by West Virginia Public Broadcasting 4:30

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EP4fHr-hTrw>

"The History of Mother's Day" and how its celebrated in the UK and elsewhere plus Mother's day messages. Interesting. 2:36

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TGdIY0uk4zE>

"Rest of the Story--Mother's Day" with famous radio newscaster Paul Harvey sharing quotes and history of Mother's Day. 3:42

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GINIOmwl6uo>

"Mother's Day Gift 2-Craft for Kids--Insightful Nana" presents a unique raised cookie/candy plate kids will be proud to give mom or grandma. 6:53

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mjZ7UwHaY8g>

This is the **original soundtrack** to the song "Mame" from the old musical (with dancing). There are several different verses (some you may not like some words--e.g., "give my mint julep a kick") 6:13

\* IF you want to do this script with the music you'll have to make some adjustments and perhaps add your own lyrics.