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A BOY'S BEST FRIEND IS HIS MOTHER.

AS SUNG BY ALL THE MINSTRELS.
Moderato.

Words and Music by BEN WILLIAMS.

Piano introduction musical notation in G major, 3/4 time, starting with a forte (f) dynamic. The melody is in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef.

1. I've been think - ing, of late, of the time that's pass'd away, Of friends in whom I could con
 2. When you're sick in your bed and your mon-ey is all gone, Then by your friends you will be
 3. Now al-ways try and treat your old mother with respect, For she's the one that cares for

Vocal melody and piano accompaniment for the first verse. The piano part consists of chords in the right hand and a simple bass line in the left hand.

- fide; Of my dear old mother's knee which a - round I used to play; How I
 scorn'd; But your moth - er she will watch by your bed-side night and day, And
 you; So re mem - ber what I say, And nev - er once neg - lect Your old

Vocal melody and piano accompaniment for the second verse. The piano part continues with chords and a bass line.

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miss'd her sweet face when she died! How well her I loved
 pray for you ev'-ry eve and morn. When you are in troubl',
 moth-er so tried and so true! For when she is laid

no one can tell; Like her I could nev-er love an-oth-er! It
 on friends you call; What good is your sis-ter or your broth-er? From
 in her cold grave, Like her, you will nev-er find an-oth-er; And

al-ways gave her joy to kiss her dar-ling boy—A boy's best friend is his moth-er!...
 you they'll turn a-way, so think of what I say—A boy's best friend is his moth-er!...
 when the scent-ed flow'rs so sad-ly o'er her wave, You'll find your best friend was your moth-er!

CHORUS.

So do what you can for her while she is here; Don't trust in your sis-ter or your brother. Oh, the

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