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To My Mother
E. J. Stenson

The Prayer Perfect

GET THIS SONG
FOR YOUR PLAYER PIANO
OR TALKING MACHINE

High *g^b* High Medium *F¹* Low Medium *E^b* Low *C*

* Poem by
JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

Music by
ERVINE J. STENSON

Slowly and Reverently

pp

Dear Lord! Kind Lord! Gra - cious Lord! I pray

a little faster *mf* *pp in time*

Thou wilt look on all I love, Ten - der - ly to - day! Weed their hearts of wear - i - ness,

a little faster *mf* *pp in time*

mf *pp* *ppp* *rit.*

Scat - ter ev - 'ry care Down a wake of An - gel wings Win - now - ing the air.

mf *pp* *ppp* *rit.*

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in time
p
 Bring un - to the sor - row - ing All re - lease from pain;

faster *slower* *f* *in time*
 Let the lips of laugh - ter O - ver - flow a - gain;

faster *slower* *in time*

slower *pp*
 And with all the need - y, O di - vide, I pray,

slower *pp*

p *slowly*
 This vast treas - ure of con - tent, That is mine to - day!

p *slowly*

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Dear Lord! Kind Lord!
Gracious Lord! I pray
Thou wilt look on all I love
Tenderly today!
Weed their hearts of weariness,
Scatter every care
Down a wake of Angel-wings
Winnowing the air.

Bring unto the sorrowing
All release from pain;
Let the lips of laughter
Overflow again;
And with all the needy,
O divide, I pray,
This vast treasure of content
That is mine today!

James Whitcomb Riley.