

# Dolly Parton, Daddy

(Dolly Parton)

Daddy I feel that I must talk to you  
Are you sure this is what you want to do?  
Now it's not for us kids that I beg you to stay  
Please don't just walk out on Mama this way  
She's mothered your children, she's spent her whole life  
Trying to be a good mother and wife  
And she stood by you when the rest let you down  
Daddy, how can you walk out on her now?

I'm your oldest daughter, my age twenty-three  
Your new love is even younger than me  
She's young, she's pretty, her hands soft as dew  
While Mama's are withered from working for you

Mom's not young any more like your new love  
But your new love won't love you like my mama does  
You've taken her best years, so don't leave her now  
Please, Daddy say that you won't let her down