

My Mother Is

by Rod Belt

Theme: Mothers! Most countries have some sort of celebration of motherhood, and this script has been tested and loved in schools and churches on such occasions. It could equally well be used at any other time of the year – the love of a mother is forever! There are plenty of funny lines (reflecting life, where children are unpredictable in what they say) but the children start and end by saying lovely things about their mothers. Expect everyone to be touched!

Cast:

NARRATOR	Could be at the side of the stage, or a voice off over a microphone.
ONE	Perhaps 13 – 16 years old
TWO	Perhaps 10 – 13 years old
THREE	Perhaps 7 – 10 years old

Notes: This is designed to be easily usable by children with minimum preparation. TWO, ONE and THREE are standing on stage in that order, so the eldest is in the middle and the youngest last. The lines are delivered in that order so they will always know when it is their turn. It would be alright for them to read their lines – the NARRATOR says the parts are played by actors – but don't make the mistake of thinking that no rehearsal is necessary! They will all be a lot more confident and fluent if they have read through it a few times. If they are not used to doing this make sure that they each have a copy of the script with their own lines highlighted.

If you think it would work better in your situation, feel free to change “mother” to “mum” or “mom”, but before deciding to do that read the lines aloud with the change to see how it sounds.

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(Three Young actors stand on stage)

- NARRATOR What you are about to hear is true. The parts are played by actors to protect the innocent.
- TWO My mother gives the best hugs. She hugs me when I'm sad.
- ONE My mother gives the best hugs. She hugs me when we're happy.
- THREE My mother gives the best hugs. She hugs me when I'm tired.
- TWO My mother knows when I'm worried or upset. She just knows. She might have special powers.
- ONE When I need to look good I ask my mother for advice.
- THREE My mother ties my shoelaces. I could do it myself – but she likes to do it.
- TWO My mother can do five things at once. I've tried to copy her but I can't. I thought she might be cheating but I've watched her carefully and she really can do them all at the same time.
- ONE My mother watches things on television then complains about how silly they are. She spots a lot of silly things.
- THREE When I fall over my mother rubs magic cream where it hurts. I don't think it's really called magic cream but that's what we call it. I fall over most days.
- TWO My mother knows nothing about great inventions of the 19th Century. How am I supposed to do well at school?
- ONE My mother gave birth to me. She tells me that a lot, mainly when she wants to stop me complaining about something.
- THREE My mother is mean. Sometimes she piles all my toys in the middle of the bedroom floor and tells me that if I don't sort them out she will give them to other girls and boys who will take better care of them. She usually ends up helping me though.
- TWO My mother and I sing along to all the songs on the radio. She knows every single song ever sung!
- ONE My mother is just waiting for Brad Pitt. That's what she tells Dad anyway.
- THREE My mother likes pretty things. She also likes expensive things, like perfume and champagne.

Don't worry, the children get back on track and by the time they have finished parents will be reaching for something to dry their eyes!

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