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My Love for My Mother Will Not Let Her Down

Mom, I love you
And I will take care of you
as you wish at home
you are the woman who gave me life
and with the love I have for you
I will try not to let you down

I say, dad you need to hold her hand
She needs your love too
Because the woman who gave me life
Needs you
And my love will not let her down
Brother and partner please understand
I need to follow doctor's orders
Because the woman who gave me life
My love will not let her down
Sister dear don't be angry with me
I know you want mom with you
But my love I have for mom
will not let her down

Auntie dear she cannot have everything she
wants
It breaks my heart to withhold
Indeed I want to give in to her too
But my love I have for my mother
will not let her down

Minister of Health you have let her down
I am angry and I fight for her rights
Despite being tired and beat-up
Because the woman who gave me life
My love will not let her down

Uncle dear you travel miles to visit and see
That I'm doing the best that I can
Because the woman who gave me life
My love will not let her down
My dear partner is there to help
He understands and shares
It helps me to help my dear mother
The woman who gave me life
And my love will not let her down

Dad please don't be angry with me
All of this is new to me too
Because the woman who gave me life
My love will not let her down

Doctor I will not let you take her away from me
You just don't see
Because the woman who gave me life
My love will not let her down

Family don't leave me alone near her end
She needs you here too
but I am here alone
And I'll do right by her
Because the woman who gave me life
My love will not let her down

Mom don't leave while I'm not holding you
Can you see me beside you in the dark?
I hear your last breath and
I cry out to you, "I love you, mom"
The woman who gave me life
My love never let her down

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