- She carried us inside her, the first home we ever had. She nourished and protected, whether with or without dad. She gave her life up for us, whether we were good or bad . . . Who like this shines throughout the world A diamond like none other; Cherished, precious, Mother.
- The dreams she always treasured one-by-one were set aside.
 She gave them up to fill the cup of duty never satisfied.
 She'd let her own self drown to lift her kids above the tide . . .
 Who like this shines throughout the world A jewel like none other; Caring, loving Mother.
- BRIDGE:Carried us on wings, secure;
Held us till we could endure.
Huddled us against the storm;
Cuddled us to keep us warm.
Guarded us against attack;
Harbored us from fear and lack.
Fought our case though we were wrong;
There to embrace us coming home.

To you, dear Mom(s), we dedicate this song.

[INSTRUMENTAL]

 Who like this shines throughout the world A diamond like none other; Sacrificing, Mother . . . Daily, toiling, Mother . . . Ever-honored, Mother.

(Thanks Mom.) *

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* Whispered, after pause of silence