

Motherless Children

Written by Blind Willie Johnson, Arrangement by Roseanne Cash

Intro: Vamp Em

Verse 1

Em

Motherless children have a hard time when the mother is gone

C Em

Motherless children have a hard time when the mother is gone

Motherless children have a hard time

C D

There's all that weeping and all that crying

A G D Em

Motherless children have a hard time when the mother is gone

Verse 2

Em

Father will do the best he can when the mother is gone.

C Em

Father will do the best he can when the mother is gone.

Father will do the best that he can

C D

But there's so many things he just don't understand.

A G D Em

Motherless children have a hard time when the mother is gone.

Instrumental: Repeat chords from verse

Verse 3

Em

People say a sister will do when the mother is gone.

C Em

People say a sister will do will do when the mother is gone.

People say a sister will do

C D

But she'll get married, turn her back on you.

A G D Em

Motherless children have a hard time when the mother is gone.

Verse 4

Em

Friends will treat you like your mother will when your mother is gone.

C Em

Friends will treat you like your mother will when your mother is gone.

Friends will tell you what to do,

C D

Then they'll turn their back on you.

A

G D

Em

Em GEm

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