

# Sylvia's Mother

*Dr. Hook*

D	<b>2 2~2 2 1 0 2 2 2 2 1</b>	<b>0 2 2 2 2 3 4 1</b>
A		
D		

Sylvia's mother says Sylvia's busy

Too busy to come to the phone

D	<b>3 3~3 3 2 1 3 3 3 3 2</b>	<b>1 3 3 3 3 4 5 2</b>
A		
D		

Sylvia's mother says Sylvia's trying

To start a new life of her own

D	<b>5 5~5 5 4 3 4 4 4 4 3</b>	<b>2 1 1~1 5 4 5 2</b>
A		
D		

Sylvia's mother says Sylvia's happy

So why don't you leave her alone?

D	<b>0 0 1 1~1 1~1 1 1 1 1</b>	<b>1 1 1 1 1 1</b>
A		
D		

And the operator says forty cents more

For the next three minutes

D	<b>7~8 8 8 8 7 5 4 4~4 4 3 2</b>	<b>1 1~1 5 4 5 2</b>
A		
D		

Please, Mrs. Avery, I just gotta talk to her

I'll only keep her awhile

D	<b>7~8 8 8 8 7 5</b>	<b>4 4 4 4 4 5 4 7</b>
A		
D		

Please, Mrs. Avery,

I just want to tell her goodbye

D	<b>2 2~2 2 1 0 2 2 2 2 1</b>	<b>0 2 2 2 2 3 4 1</b>
A		
D		

Sylvia's mother says Sylvia's packing

She's gonna be leaving today

D	<b>3 3~3 3 2 1 3 3 3 3 2</b>	<b>1 3 3 3 3 4 5 2</b>
A		
D		

Sylvia's mother says Sylvia's marrying

A fella down Galveston way

D	<b>5 5~5 5 4 3 4 4 4 4 3</b>	<b>2 1 1~1 5 4 5 2</b>
A		
D		

Sylvia's mother says please don't say nothing

To make her start crying and stay

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D	<b>2 2~2 2 1 0 2 2 2 2 1</b>	<b>0 2 2 2 2 3 4 1</b>
A		
D		

Sylvia's mother says Sylvia's hurrying

She's catching the nine o'clock train

D	<b>3 3~3 3 2 1 3 3 3 3 2</b>	<b>1 3 3 3 3 4 5 2</b>
A		
D		

Sylvia's mother says take your umbrella

'Cause, Sylvie, it's starting to rain

D	<b>5 5~5 5 4 3 4 4 4 4 3</b>	<b>2 1 1~1 5 4 5 2</b>
A		
D		

And Sylvia's mother says thank you for calling

And, sir, won't you call back again?

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A		
D		

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A		
D		

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I'll only keep her a while

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A		
D		

Please, Mrs. Avery,

I just want to tell her goodbye

D	<b>4 5 4 7</b>	<b>5 4 5 4 7</b>
A		
D		

Tell her goodbye

Please, tell her goodbye