

Mamma Tried

Intro Riff (Jeff) notes: A D E F# A B A F# A B A B D f# e d b d

D **G**
The first thing I remember knowin'
D **G**
Was a lonesome whistle blowin'
D **A7**
And a youngin's dream of growing up to ride
D **G**
On a freight train leaving town
D **G**
Not knowing where I'm bound
D **A7** **D**
And no one could change my mind but Mama tried

D **G**
One and only rebel child
D **G**
From a family meek and mild
D **A7**
My mama seemed to know what lay in store
D **G**
Despite all my Sunday learning
D **G**
Towards the bad I kept on turning
D **A7** **D**
Mama couldn't hold me anymore

CHORUS:

D **G** **D**
And I turned twenty-one in prison doing life without parole
Bm **A**
No one could steer me right but Mama tried Mama tried
D **G** **D**
Mama tried to raise me better but her pleading I denied
D **A** **D**
That leaves only me to blame cause Mama tried

Intro Riff

D **G**
Dear old Daddy rest his soul
D **G**
Left my mom a heavy load
D **A7**
She tried so very hard to fill his shoes
D **G**
Working hours without rest
D **G**
Wanted me to have the best
D **A7** **D**
She tried to raise me right but I refused

Solo in D major

[CHORUS]

SOLO (D major) chords: same as verse **D G D G D A7 D G D G D A D**

[CHORUS]

D **D** **A** **D**
Repeat: That leaves only me to blame cause Mama tried.