

# Sylvia's Mother

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(Shel Silverstein)

Sylvia's mother says Sylvia's busy, too busy to come to the phone  
Sylvia's mother says Sylvia's tryin' to start a new life of her own  
Sylvia's mother says Sylvia's happy so why don't you leave her alone  
And the operator says forty cents more for the next three minutes  
Please Mrs. Avery, I just gotta talk to her,  
I'll only keep her a while  
Please Mrs. Avery, I just wanna tell her goodbye  
Sylvia's mother says Sylvia's packin' she's gonna be leavin' today  
Sylvia's mother says Sylvia's marryin' a fella down Galveston way  
Sylvia's mother says please don't say nothin' to make her start cryin' and stay  
And the operator says forty cents more for the next three minutes  
Please Mrs. Avery, I just gotta talk to her,  
I'll only keep her a while

Please Mrs. Avery, I just wanna tell her goodbye  
Sylvia's mother says Sylvia's hurryin' she's catchin' the nine o'clock train  
Sylvia's mother says take your umbrella cause Sylvie, it's startin' to rain  
And Sylvia's mother says thank you for callin' and sir won't you call back again  
And the operator says forty cents more for the next three minutes  
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I'll only keep her a while  
Please Mrs. Avery, I just wanna tell her goodbye  
Tell her goodbye...  
Please... tell her goodbye..  
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