

My Mother

Revised selection – original text entitled *Someone That I Will Always Have* by Brian Woodworth, Buffalo
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Pre-reading

Questions:

- Read the title of the poem. What do you feel?

Definitions:

- Down – feeling sad or unhappy; depressed
- Stand by my side – to be there for me
- Turn their back – to walk away from



Reading

Who do I turn to when I am down?

9 I turn to my mother.

14 Who is always there in my time of need?

23 My mother is always there.

28 Who can I trust with my life?

35 I trust my mother.

39 Who will always stand by my side?

46 My mother stands by my side.

52 Who will listen to what I have to say?

61 My mother listens.

64 Who will never turn her back on me?

72 My mother does not turn her back on me.

81 Who will love me forever?

86 My mother will love me **forever**.

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Level 1.0

Understanding

1. Who is this reading about? _____

2. When do you feel down? _____

3. Who do you talk to when you feel down? _____

4. Who do you know that is a good listener? _____

5. What does **forever** mean? _____

Writing

Choice A: Retell this reading in your own words.

Choice B: Write about your mother.

Choice C: Write about someone you love.
