

# My Mother Was a Lady

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4/4 time

*F* *F(½)* *C7(½)*  
 Two drummers sat at dinner in a grand hotel one day  
*Gm(½)* *G7(½)* *G7(½)* *C7(½)*  
 While dining they were chatting in a jolly sort of way  
*F* *D(½)* *Gm(½)*  
 And when a pretty waitress brought them a tray of food  
*Gm(¼)* *Gdim7(¼)* *F(½)* *G7(¼)* *C7(¼)* *F(½)*  
 They spoke to her familiarly in a manner rather rude  
*Dm(½)* *A7(½)* *A7(½)* *Dm(½)*  
 At first she did not notice nor make the least reply  
*G7(½)* *C(½)* *F(¼)* *G7(¼)* *C7(½)*  
 But one remark was passed that brought the teardrops to her eyes  
*F* *D7(½)* *Gm(½)*  
 She turned on her tormentor, with cheeks now burning red  
*Gm(¼)* *Gdim7(¼)* *F(½)* *G7(¼)* *C7(¼)* *F(½)*  
 She looked a perfect picture as appealingly she said

¾ time

*C7* *F* *F* *Bb* *Gm* *C7* *C(2)* *Caug(1)* *F* *F* *G7*  
 "My Mother was a lady like yours you will allow  
*A7* *A7* *Dm* *Dm* *G7* *G7* *C* *Cdim7(1)* *C7(1)* *C9(1)*  
 And you may have a sister who needs protection now. I've  
*F* *F* *Gm* *Gm* *C7* *C(2)* *Caug(1)* *F* *F(2)* *Cm7(1)*  
 come to this great city to find my brother dear. and you  
*D7* *D7* *Gm* *D7(2)* *Bbm(1)* *F* *C7* *F* *F*  
 wouldn't dare insult me sir if Jack were only here"

It's true one touch of nature, it makes the whole world kin, and  
 Ev'ry word she uttered seemed to touch their hearts within, They  
 Sat there stunned and silent, until one cried in shame, "or  
 Give me, Miss! I meant no harm, pray tell me what's your name?"  
 She told him and he cried again, "I know your brother, too. Why  
 We've been friends for many years and he often speaks of you  
 He'll be so glad to see you, and if you'd only wed,  
 I'll take you to him as my wife, for I love you since you said: