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The First Woman in my Life

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A woman's work is never done If you don't believe me ask my mum She worked her fingers to the bone To provide us with a decent home If she lived in Ancient Rome She could of built that city on her own She cooks, she cleans She does everything She irons decorates and does the shopping She chastised us when we were rude But never sent us to bed with out food Everyday she would change our clothes If we had colds she would wipe our nose Or if we went to mum with a problem Mum would always help us solve them We didn't want for anything We got the greatest gift mum's loving You can have ten aunties and scores of lovers But remember you only have one mother I remember when someone pointed a finger Mum said I was Black, beautiful and I had culture She always made sure we went to school
Because in this life you can't be a fool
You can see people will ride you like a mule
It was mum who taught me to be cool
So mother there's something I want you to know
I love you mum, I love you so
You taught me to survive in the ghetto
You can have my last ROLO

If it was not for you then I would not exist So here it comes for you a kiss Yes you was the first woman in my life But one day I will take a wife Then hopefully she'll become a mum A woman's work is never done.

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