

Mother's Day
by Kathryn Kerr

For so many women
Out there today
There is so much
We need to say

With all you do
I'm quite amazed
To start with "thanks"
Seems too cliché'.

But, let's start with thanks
And build from there
It's quite a list
Are you prepared?

Thanks, first to mothers
Who carried us inside
It's because of you
We are even alive.

And even you mothers
Who are uninvolved
It's still from you
Lives could evolve

It's because of you
We have the chance
To walk this earth,
And play and dance.

And to you mothers
whose babies were lost
Their bodies you carried
Your hearts they embossed

All of you women
Forever will be
A mother for them
A mother we see.

And to you new mothers
Whose babies are ill,
We watch in amazement
At your immeasurable will

What I hope for you
On your first Mother's Day
Is your angst and worry
Briefly slips away

And in their place
What instead resides,
Is all the strength and grace
That you have inside.

And to our lovely aunts
Who are so unlike others
Sometimes we need you
More than our mothers

The happiness you bring
The joy you provide
We are so grateful
To have you at our side

My own dearest aunts
I am thankful for you
For all of your love
And all that you do

You have been all in
From the very start,
I can't quite imagine
Our lives apart

Thanks, is not enough
It's barely a start
But eternally thank you
From the base of my heart

And to my own mother
I can't even say
How grateful I am
This Mother's Day

For all that you've done
And all that you do
Out of all the mothers
Thank God we have you

You are patient and kind,
So full of compassion
And all the sacrifices
I can't begin to imagine

Out of all the mothers
Out there right now
The strongest and kindest
Of them we have found.

And to the mothers
Who are watching above
Smiling and laughing
At all of your loves

You mothers up there
We think of you often
Although you're not here
You are far from forgotten.

So, thank you all,
And so many others
There are so many people
To thank as mothers

Whatever your place
And whatever your role
Thank you, all mothers,
You've made our lives full.

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