

# These Women, These Mothers

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I've known these women, lived with one for fifty years  
many of them sprung from the Pantel line  
a line of women with loads of laughter and tears  
some of them with *husbands* with the Pantel sign.

These women are known to be very strong  
but full of a love that softens their hearts  
and they have firm ideas of right and wrong  
that got them through many fits and starts.

Their children knew them simply as mom  
but their heroic skills through many a stormy night  
helped them to outwardly show strength and calm  
while inside their stomachs were tight.

Through ingenuity, tenacity and grit  
these ladies got things done.  
With plenty of guts and a little wit  
they even had a little fun.

Through the years they traveled many a mile  
in cars and planes with kids crying and screaming  
and somehow ended up with a smile  
never losing a tendency toward dreaming.

These women and these mothers  
have held families together through thick and thin  
embraced their sisters, loved their brothers  
and through pain and death they made a win.

For you mothers who have preceded us in death  
we are grateful you gave your lives in love  
you worked and cared till your final breath  
and we'll see you a little later beyond and above.

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