A SONG WRITTEN FOR BARBARA

Unconditional Love

Just because

I took your hand and ran toward that plane
At boarding, I knew I'd be safe
I knew I had a mom to call by name
And love would meet me every day
From Russia, you adopted me
And taught my heart to trust in you

> *Mom, oh Mom, you always stood by my side*
> *You stopped your world to hear my call*
> *You kept your promise, love would be my guide*
> *I'm loved, no matter what*

When I was small, I stepped on your toes
We danced so close, the whole room seemed to glow
You taught me who I was meant to be
And showed the better part in me
Small daily troubles cloud our view
But you don't give up, you pull me through
Though I was abandoned at my birth
You showed me I still had my worth

> *Mom, oh Mom, you always stood by my side*
> *You stopped your world to hear my call*
> *You kept your promise, love would be my guide*
> *I'm loved, no matter what*

I'll hold the lessons that you gave
Your steady love has made me brave
On every hard day, I will see
The better things you see in me

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> *You stopped your world to hear my call*
> *You kept your promise, love would be my guide*
> *I'm loved, no matter what*

We'll dance the way we did before
Your love will lead me evermore

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