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Mama Tried [[G-Bass](#) Tablature]

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For 2-string Bass with "GD" Tuning. Arranged in the Key of D.

D G D G
D ————— 0 ——— 0 ————— 0 ——— 0 —————

G 2 ——— 4 ————— 0 ——— 0 ————— 0 ——— 0 —————

First thing I remember knowin', was a lonesome whistle blowin',

D G A D
D ——— 0 ——— 0 ————— 2 ——— 0 —————

G ————— 0 ——— 0 ——— 1 — 2 ——— 2 — 2 — 4 —————

And a young-un's dream of growing up to ride. On a freight train

G D G D
D 0 ————— 0 ——— 0 ————— 0 ——— 0 —————

G ——— 0 — 0 ————— 0 ——— 0 —————

leaving town, not knowing where I'm bound, And no one could change

A7 D G D
D ————— 0 ——— 0 ————— 0 ——— 0 —————

G — 2 ——— 2 ————— 2 — 2 — 4 ————— 0 ——— 0 —————

my mind, but mama tried. One and only rebel child, from a fam'ly

G D G A
D 0 ————— 0 ——— 0 ————— 2 —————

G ——— 0 — 0 ————— 0 ——— 0 ——— 1 — 2 ——— 2 —————

meek and mild, my mama seemed to know what lay in store.

D G D
D ————— 0 ——— 0 ————— 0 ——— 0 —————

G 2 ——— 4 ————— 0 ——— 0 —————

In spite of all my Sunday learnin', towards the bad I kept on

G D A7 D
D ————— 0 ——— 0 ————— 0 ——— 0 —————

G 0 ——— 0 ————— 2 ——— 2 ——— 2 ——— 2 —————

turnin', 'Til Mama couldn't hold me anymore. And I turned

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