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## Hi Mom

Hi mom! How are you? I miss you, Mom... Do you miss me too? Hey Mom! Let me tell you this story. God keeps leaving it for me... to tell you.

Remember when I was little - when I tried to run away from you and I fell and scraped my knee? You picked me up & said it's okay baby. Don't cry, mommy's here.

And the feel of your warm hug and the smell of your lavender hair made me smile from ear to ear. Now skipping ahead a couple years is something I used to fear.

Hi mom!
What happened?
You used to be kind and loving.
"Mama please! Why are you being so mean?"
I would yell.
Feeling slashes of lightning across and down my back and arms. Hitting me with the wire hanger you scream at me
"Little bitch you think I'm playin'?"

I cry...

Mama no no, I was just sitting here -No! You were laying! Ok mom, you've been drinking, you're hitting me for no reason. I apologize for whatever I did just stop hitting me; please!

Skipping ahead a few more years stopped my smile from touching my ears...
(Clap hands 3x)
The slaps Dharien's daddy gives me. When I thought it was over; it was just beginning.
I guess I was dreaming.
(Clap hands 3x)

Hi mom.

You were so fragile, so hurt, so sick. You tried to light my blanket on fire while I was asleep. And I hated you for it 48 Law & Disorder

but it's not okay, I should've obeyed. I was thinking about my pain but your pain was unbearable. Mama I'm sorry Mama it's not okay!

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By mom, I'm sorry I did this to you.
I left when you needed me.
No one was there, no one cared.
It should've been me
You begged me please don't
leave. I thought it was me
who did it. I thought I was
the one who pushed you.
But it wasn't me at all. It
was the alcohol that killed you.

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