

LYRIC SHEET

Coat of Many Colors*Dolly Parton*

Back through the years
 I go wand'ring once again
 Back to the seasons of my youth
 I recall a box of rags that someone
 gave us
 And how my mama put the rags to
 use.
 There were rags of many colors
 Every piece was small
 And I didn't have a coat
 And it was way down in the fall
 Mama sewed the rags together
 Sewing every piece with love
 She made my coat of many colors
 That I was so proud of.

As she sewed, she told a story
 From the Bible, she had read
 About a coat of many colors,
 Joseph wore and then she said
 Perhaps this coat will bring you
 Good luck and happiness
 And I just couldn't wait to wear it
 And mama blessed it with a kiss.

My coat of many colors
 That my mama made for me,
 Made only from rags
 But I wore it so proudly.
 Although we had no money
 I was rich as I could be
 In my coat of many colors
 My mama made for me.

So with patches on my britches
 And holes in both my shoes
 In my coat of many colors
 I hurried off to school
 Just to find the others laughing
 And making fun of me
 In my coat of many colors
 My mama made for me.

And oh I couldn't understand it
 For I felt I was rich
 And I told 'em of the love
 My mama sewed in every stitch
 And I told 'em all the story
 Mama told me while she sewed
 And how my coat of many colors
 Was worth more than all their clothes.

But they didn't understand it
 And I tried to make them see
 That one is only poor
 Only if they choose to be
 Now I know we had no money
 But I was rich as I could be
 In my coat of many colors
 My mama made for me
 Made just for me.



Dolly Parton wrote "Coat of Many Colors" about a humble jacket that was sewn by her mother because her family couldn't afford a new one. Parton says it is her favorite of the many songs she has written.