

**The story behind the song:** Kate Barker (born Arizona Donnie Clark; 1873–1935) known as Ma Barker was the mother of several criminals who ran the Barker gang. They were murderers and did many robberies, kidnappings, and other crimes between 1931 and 1935.



**Freeze, I'm Ma Baker, put your hands in the air. Gimme all your money**

**This is the story of Ma Baker, the meanest cat from old Chicago town**

She was the ...*meanest*... cat  
In old Chicago .....  
She was the meanest cat  
She really mowed them down  
She had ..... at all  
No no no heart .....

She was the meanest cat  
Oh she was ..... tough  
She left her ..... flat  
He wasn't tough enough  
She ..... her boys .....  
'cos they were mean and .....

*Ma Ma Ma Ma - Ma Baker - she taught her four sons*  
*Ma Ma Ma Ma - Ma Baker - to handle their guns*  
*Ma Ma Ma Ma - Ma Baker - she never could cry*  
*Ma Ma Ma Ma - Ma Baker - but she knew how to die*

**mean** - bad  
**mow** - cutt he grass  
**flat** - even, plane  
**tough** - hard

They left a trail of .....  
..... the U.S.A.  
And when one boy was .....  
She really made ..... pay  
She had no heart at all  
No no no heart at all

And then a ..... she liked  
She ..... she'd stay with him  
When he ..... on them  
They did ..... with him  
She didn't ..... at all  
Just didn't care at all

**Here is a special bulletin: Ma Baker is the FBI's most wanted woman. Her photo is hanging on every post office wall. If you have any information about this woman, please contact the nearest police station...**

**trail** - path  
**to care** - to mind  
**cop** - policeman  
**loot** - plunder

**- Don't anybody move! The money or your lives!**

One day they ..... a bank  
It was their ..... foray  
The cops appeared .....  
They couldn't .....  
And all the loot they had  
It ..... them mighty mad

And so they ..... it out  
Ma Baker and her .....  
They ..... to hang  
They died with blazing .....  
And so ..... ends  
Of one who ..... no friends

**CHANGE INTO THE PAST TENSE:**

She isn't a mean woman. ... *She wasn't a mean woman.* .....  
Does she take her boys along? .....  
Do they know how to handle guns? .....  
The cops have arrived late. ....  
She doesn't leave any friends. ....  
Her photo is hanging on the wall. ....