



## Background

“Mother” was introduced at a Soka Gakkai Women’s Division session held at Soka University in August 1976. It was rewritten as a song based on a long poem of the same title which Mr. Ikeda presented in October 1971. He commented later, “I wrote this poem in appreciation of the many praiseworthy mothers who have dedicated themselves to countless activities for people’s happiness and peace throughout the world”