

Iya ni Wura

WITH TOBIA · NIGERIA

KEY: C

~70 BPM

GUITAR & PIANO

PLAY IT

Chords & Lyrics

Verse 1

C F C
Íyá ni wúrà iyebíye,
F C G7
Tí a kò lè fowo ra.

(Mother is a precious gem — one that money cannot buy.)

C F C
Mother, you're a gem so rare,
F C G7
No amount of gold could compare.

Verse 2

C F C
O lóyún mi f'óşù mèsàn-án,
F C G7
O pọn mí f'ọdún mẹta.

(She carried me for nine months — she nursed me for three years.)

C F C
Nine long months she carried me,
F C G7
Three more years, so tenderly.

GOOD TO KNOW

Iya ni Wura ("Mother is a precious gem") is a beloved Yoruba song, part lullaby and part playground rhyme, sung across Nigeria and West Africa. It honors motherhood itself.

Traditional Yoruba song, passed down through oral tradition. English lines are a singable adaptation for this arrangement, not a literal translation.