

Throwback: Kanye West - Hey Mama



[youtube id="mWTWkKyjkoo"] Kanye West wrote “Hey Mama” years before it appeared on his *Late Registration* album in 2005. West’s public praise for his mother became a huge part of his persona because of “Hey Mama” and her constant presence with him. He uses the song to thank Dr. Donda West for being a resilient mother throughout their life challenges together. Dr. West passed in 2007 and many radio stations played “Hey Mama” in tribute to her causing the song to enter the *Billboard* Bubbling Under R&B/Hip-Hop Singles and the Hot Canadian Digital Singles Charts. In the 12 years since its release “Hey Mama” has become one of the most popular hip-hop and pop anthems for honoring mothers.