

**Ms. Mattie Final Call:  
Walk Good Auntie Marcia  
By Syndia Payne**

Mattie gal you finally call  
You ask me how I feel  
From Wednesday, January 27  
Is like mi inna one bad dream

Gal I don't know how I feel  
Is a constant pain in my heart  
Is like a blender just tun on  
And ripping me apart

Gal mi no know what to say  
Dis one lick mi fi six  
Aunt Marcia really gone  
Mi just cannot adjust to it

Yes gal, mi know she love when you call  
She always ask bout you  
A wonder when you a go talk  
About the latest issue

Girl every time you call  
We siddung and laugh and chat  
We discuss the issue in details  
Mattie gal, mi a go miss dat

Auntie Marcia love the "Tax Cut Update"  
And she was glad you say "Thank you Mama P"  
And the "Government Credit Card"  
Was one of the favorite fi we

We chat fi hours bout this  
"Jamaica High Court and Locks"  
She was upset about how  
The school react to that..

Bwoy she loved 45 and Sis. Rona

She seh "this no so-so suh"

"Hard eye Pinckney nyam rock stone fi true cuz. Love it. But me still think some hoax in this with Trump."

Those were do last words

She write bout yuh gal

Mattie sometimes mi no jus no know

If mi have di strength to carry on

An when yuh call bout "Riot in "Merica"

It was the last time we talk bout yuh

Ah gal dis pain in mi heart

Mi no know mi a go mek it thru

Mattie yuh know what she meant to me

She was mi best friend and confidant

She was my adviser, mi teacher

She was much more than mi aunt

She called me tap a tap

In her eyes I was di very best

She made me feel like a queen everyday

Even when mi was a mess

So Auntie Marcia thank you

Thank you fi all the years

Especially after Polly left

Thank you for standing with me

When I was my lowest and my best

Thank you for the laughter

And the 2 - 4 hour phone calls

Thank you pushing me

Even when I couldn't go on

Thank you for never judging me

Thank you for loving me as I am

Thank you for reprimanding me

Thank you for keeping me strong

Anneka thank you

for sharing Aunt Marcia with me  
I might not say it all the time  
But I really appreciate it.

What yuh seh Mattie gal  
Dat dis is your last call  
Dat you putting down so phone  
And a retire with Auntie Mar.

Well gal mi a go miss yuh  
And I really love it and understand  
And I honestly believe  
Auntie Marcia would be glad

Tek care Mattie gal  
I will do as you seh  
I will live and laugh and love  
The Auntie Marcia way