

# Motherland

Words & Music:  
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Em D C G  
Where in hell can you go? Far from the things you know.  
C G  
Far from the sprawl of concrete.

D Em  
That keeps crawling its way about a 1,000 miles a day.  
Em D C G  
Take one last look behind; commit this to memory and mind.

C G  
Don't miss this wasteland, this terrible place  
D Em  
When you leave, keep your heart off your sleeve.

CHORUS:

G D C G  
Motherland, cradle me, close my eyes, lullaby me to sleep.  
C G D Dsus2 D  
Keep me safe, lie with me, stay beside me, don't go.

Em  
Don't you go...

Oh, my five-and-dime queen, tell me, what have you seen?  
The lust and the avarice, the bottomless, the cavernous greed.  
Is that what you see?

CHORUS:

BRIDGE:

C G  
It's your happiness I want most of all.  
C A D  
And for that I'd do anything at all. Oh, mercy me!

C G  
If you want the best of it or the most of all

C A D  
If there's anything I can do at all.

INTERLUDE OVER: C G C A D Dsus2 D Em

Now, come on, shotgun bride, what makes me envy your life?  
Faceless, nameless, innocent, blameless and free.  
What's it like to be?

CHORUS:

D Em  
Don't go. Don't go. Don't go.