

Motherland
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[Verse]

Where in hell can you go **D Dsus2 D**
Far from the things you know **C G**
Far from the sprawl of concrete **C G**
That keeps crawling its way about a 1,000 miles a day **D Dsus2 D Em**
Take one last look behind **D Dsus2 D**
Commit this to memory and mind **C G**
Don't miss this wasteland, this terrible place **C G**
When you leave keep your heart off your sleeve **D Dsus2 D Em**

[Chorus]

Motherland cradle me **G D Dsus2 D**
Close my eyes **C**
Lullaby me to sleep **G**
Keep me safe **C**
Lie with me **G**
Stay beside me
Don't go **D Dsus2 D**
Don't you go **Em**

[Verse]

Oh, my five and dime queen **Em D Dsus2 D**
Tell me what have you seen **C G**
C

The lust and the avarice

G

D Dsus2 D

The bottomless, the cavernous greed

Em

Is that what you see?

[Chorus]

G

D Dsus2 D

Motherland cradle me

C

Close my eyes

G

Lullaby me to sleep

C

Keep me safe

G

Lie with me

Stay beside me

D Dsus2 D

Don't go

Em

Don't you go

[Bridge]

C

It's your happiness

G

I want most of all

C

A

D

And for that I'd do anything at all

Dsus2 D

Oh, mercy me!

C

If you want the best of it

G

Or the most of all

C

A

D Dsus2 D

If there's anything I can do at all

C G C A D Dsus2 D Em

Em

D Dsus2 D

Now come on shot gun bride

C

G

What makes me envy your life

C

Faceless, nameless

G

Innocent, blameless

D Dsus2 D

And free

Em

What s it like to be?

[Chorus]

G D Dsus2 D

Motherland cradle me

C

Close my eyes

G

Lullaby me to sleep

C

Keep me safe

G

Lie with me

Stay beside me

D Dsus2 D

Don t go

D Dsus2 D

Em

Don t go

(**Em**)4 times for intro, and beginnings and endings of verses:

E 0

A -- 2 2

D -- 2 2

G -- 0 0

B -- 0 0

e -- 0 0