

**Motherland**  
**Natalie Merchant**

[Verse]

**Eb Ebsus2 Eb**  
Where in hell can you go  
**C# G#**  
Far from the things you know  
**C# G#**  
Far from the sprawl of concrete  
**Eb Ebsus2 Eb Fm**  
That keeps crawling its way about a 1,000 miles a day  
**Eb Ebsus2 Eb**  
Take one last look behind  
**C# G#**  
Commit this to memory and mind  
**C# G#**  
Don t miss this wasteland, this terrible place  
**Eb Ebsus2 Eb Fm**  
When you leave keep your heart off your sleeve

[Chorus]

**G# Eb Ebsus2 Eb**  
Motherland cradle me  
**C#**  
Close my eyes  
**G#**  
Lullaby me to sleep  
**C#**  
Keep me safe  
**G#**  
Lie with me  
  
Stay beside me  
**Eb Ebsus2 Eb**  
Don t go  
**Fm**  
Don t you go

[Verse]

**Fm Eb Ebsus2 Eb**  
Oh, my five and dime queen  
**C# G#**  
Tell me what have you seen  
**C#**

The lust and the avarice

**G#**

**Eb Ebsus2 Eb**

The bottomless, the cavernous greed

**Fm**

Is that what you see?

[Chorus]

**G#**

**Eb Ebsus2 Eb**

Motherland cradle me

**C#**

Close my eyes

**G#**

Lullaby me to sleep

**C#**

Keep me safe

**G#**

Lie with me

Stay beside me

**Eb Ebsus2 Eb**

Don't go

**Fm**

Don't you go

[Bridge]

**C#**

It's your happiness

**G#**

I want most of all

**C#**

**Bb**

**Eb**

And for that I'd do anything at all

**Ebsus2 Eb**

Oh, mercy me!

**C#**

If you want the best of it

**G#**

Or the most of all

**C#**

**Bb**

**Eb Ebsus2 Eb**

If there's anything I can do at all

**C# G# C# Bb Eb Ebsus2 Eb Fm**

**Fm**

**Eb Ebsus2 Eb**

Now come on shot gun bride

**C#**

**G#**

What makes me envy your life

**C#**

Faceless, nameless

**G#**

Innocent, blameless

**Eb Ebsus2 Eb**  
And free  
**Fm**  
What s it like to be?

[Chorus]

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**C#**  
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**G#**  
Lullaby me to sleep  
**C#**  
Keep me safe  
**G#**  
Lie with me

Stay beside me  
**Eb Ebsus2 Eb**  
Don t go  
**Eb Ebsus2 Eb Fm**  
Don t go

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

**F** 0  
A -- 2 2  
D -- 2 2  
G -- 0 0  
B -- 0 0  
e -- 0 0