

**Motherland**  
**Natalie Merchant**

[Verse]

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

[Chorus]

Motherland cradle me  
Close my eyes  
Lullaby me to sleep  
Keep me safe  
Lie with me  
Stay beside me  
Don't go  
Don't you go

[Verse]

Oh, my five and dime queen  
Tell me what have you seen

The lust and the avarice

**F**

**C Csus2 C**

The bottomless, the cavernous greed

**Dm**

Is that what you see?

[Chorus]

**F**

**C Csus2 C**

Motherland cradle me

**Bb**

Close my eyes

**F**

Lullaby me to sleep

**Bb**

Keep me safe

**F**

Lie with me

Stay beside me

**C Csus2 C**

Don't go

**Dm**

Don't you go

[Bridge]

**Bb**

It's your happiness

**F**

I want most of all

**Bb**

**G**

**C**

And for that I'd do anything at all

**Csus2 C**

Oh, mercy me!

**Bb**

If you want the best of it

**F**

Or the most of all

**Bb**

**G**

**C Csus2 C**

If there's anything I can do at all

**Bb F Bb G C Csus2 C Dm**

**Dm**

**C Csus2 C**

Now come on shot gun bride

**Bb**

**F**

What makes me envy your life

**Bb**

Faceless, nameless

**F**

Innocent, blameless

**C Csus2 C**

And free

**Dm**

What s it like to be?

[Chorus]

**F C Csus2 C**

Motherland cradle me

**Bb**

Close my eyes

**F**

Lullaby me to sleep

**Bb**

Keep me safe

**F**

Lie with me

Stay beside me

**C Csus2 C**

Don t go

**C Csus2 C**

**Dm**

Don t go

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

**D** 0

**A** -- 2 2

**D** -- 2 2

**G** -- 0 0

**B** -- 0 0

**e** -- 0 0