

Motherland

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[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
Bb Tell me what have you seen
Bb

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