

**Motherland**  
**Natalie Merchant**

[Verse]

Where in hell can you go  
**B** **C# C#sus2 C#**  
Far from the things you know  
**B** **F#**  
Far from the sprawl of concrete  
**C# C#sus2 C#** **Ebm**  
That keeps crawling its way about a 1,000 miles a day  
**C# C#sus2 C#**  
Take one last look behind  
**B** **F#**  
Commit this to memory and mind  
**B** **F#**  
Don't miss this wasteland, this terrible place  
**C# C#sus2 C#** **Ebm**  
When you leave keep your heart off your sleeve

[Chorus]

**F#** **C# C#sus2 C#**  
Motherland cradle me  
**B**  
Close my eyes  
**F#**  
Lullaby me to sleep  
**B**  
Keep me safe  
**F#**  
Lie with me  
  
Stay beside me  
**C# C#sus2 C#**  
Don't go  
**Ebm**  
Don't you go

[Verse]

**Ebm** **C# C#sus2 C#**  
Oh, my five and dime queen  
**B** **F#**  
Tell me what have you seen  
**B**

The lust and the avarice

**F#**

**C# C#sus2 C#**

The bottomless, the cavernous greed

**Ebm**

Is that what you see?

[Chorus]

**F#**

**C# C#sus2 C#**

Motherland cradle me

**B**

Close my eyes

**F#**

Lullaby me to sleep

**B**

Keep me safe

**F#**

Lie with me

Stay beside me

**C# C#sus2 C#**

Don't go

**Ebm**

Don't you go

[Bridge]

**B**

It's your happiness

**F#**

I want most of all

**B**

**G#**

**C#**

And for that I'd do anything at all

**C#sus2 C#**

Oh, mercy me!

**B**

If you want the best of it

**F#**

Or the most of all

**B**

**G#**

**C# C#sus2 C#**

If there's anything I can do at all

**B F# B G# C# C#sus2 C# Ebm**

**Ebm**

**C# C#sus2 C#**

Now come on shot gun bride

**B**

**F#**

What makes me envy your life

**B**

Faceless, nameless

**F#**

Innocent, blameless

**C# C#sus2 C#**

And free

**Ebm**

What s it like to be?

[Chorus]

**F# C# C#sus2 C#**

Motherland cradle me

**B**

Close my eyes

**F#**

Lullaby me to sleep

**B**

Keep me safe

**F#**

Lie with me

Stay beside me

**C# C#sus2 C#**

Don t go

**C# C#sus2 C# Ebm**

Don t go

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

**Eb** 0

A -- 2 2

D -- 2 2

G -- 0 0

B -- 0 0

e -- 0 0