

Motherland

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[Verse]

E Esus2 E
Where in hell can you go
D A
Far from the things you know
D A
Far from the sprawl of concrete
E Esus2 E F#m
That keeps crawling its way about a 1,000 miles a day
E Esus2 E
Take one last look behind
D A
Commit this to memory and mind
D A
Don t miss this wasteland, this terrible place
E Esus2 E F#m
When you leave keep your heart off your sleeve

[Chorus]

A E Esus2 E
Motherland cradle me
D
Close my eyes
A
Lullaby me to sleep
D
Keep me safe
A
Lie with me

Stay beside me
E Esus2 E
Don t go
F#m
Don t you go

[Verse]

F#m E Esus2 E
Oh, my five and dime queen
D A
Tell me what have you seen
D

The lust and the avarice

A

E Esus2 E

The bottomless, the cavernous greed

F#m

Is that what you see?

[Chorus]

A

E Esus2 E

Motherland cradle me

D

Close my eyes

A

Lullaby me to sleep

D

Keep me safe

A

Lie with me

Stay beside me

E Esus2 E

Don t go

F#m

Don t you go

[Bridge]

D

It s your happiness

A

I want most of all

D

B

E

And for that I d do anything at all

Esus2 E

Oh, mercy me!

D

If you want the best of it

A

Or the most of all

D

B

E Esus2 E

If there s anything I can do at all

D A D B E Esus2 E F#m

F#m

E Esus2 E

Now come on shot gun bride

D

A

What makes me envy your life

D

Faceless, nameless

A

Innocent, blameless

E Esus2 E

And free

F#m

What s it like to be?

[Chorus]

A E Esus2 E

Motherland cradle me

D

Close my eyes

A

Lullaby me to sleep

D

Keep me safe

A

Lie with me

Stay beside me

E Esus2 E

Don t go

E Esus2 E F#m

Don t go

(**F#m**)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