

# Natalie Merchant, Motherland

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

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  
Oh my five & dime queen tell me what have you seen  
The lust and avarice  
The bottomless, the cavernous greed  
Is that what you see

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It's your happiness I want most of all  
and for that I'd do anything at all  
Oh mercy me  
If you want the best of it  
or the most of it all  
if there's anything I can do at all

Now come on shot gun bride  
what makes me envy your life  
Faceless, nameless, innocent  
blameless and free  
what's it like to be

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Stay beside me don't go  
Don't go