## El Greco

## **Paula Cole**

I'm black on blacker velvet, milk skin and veins
Like some El Greco painting, so full of pain
So full of longing for light of dayI thought I knew who I was in the world
But here I am twice blind at being born
Crawling to my buried voice withinAnd I've forgotten who I used to be
And I've forgotten the woman in red, living her dream
And I've forgotten the courage I used to beHappiness is overrated, it never lasts
Skating the surface of oceanic depths
Oh, may the fruit of my life be meaningSo please forgive me all my seriousness
My so-called spirituality, I'm just a mess

I'm tears and anxiety but I'm unafraid to seeAnd I've forgotten who I used to be

The leader in her glory shining, divining

And I've forgotten the courage I used to be

 $The \ middle \ passage \ is \ so \ damn \ tumbling, \ persona \ crumbling Don't \ know, \ I \ don't \ kn$ 

know I don't know, I don't know, I don't know

And I try, and I try, and I try, and I try

And I try, and I try, and I tryI don't know, I don't know, I don't know, I don't know

I don't know, I don't know, I don't know

And I try, and I try, and I try, and I try

And I tryLike some El Greco painting, no sun or sky

No lantern, no candle needed to light

The holy radiance behind the eyesAnd I've forgotten who I used to be

And I've forgotten that woman in red, living her dream

And I've forgotten the courage I used to be I don't know, I don't know, I don't know, I don't know

I don't know, I don't know, I don't know

And I try, and I try, and I try, and I try

And I try, and I tryI don't know, I don't know, I don't know, I don't know

I don't know, I don't know, I don't know

And I try, and I try, and I try

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