

# Home Before Dark

**Judy Collins**

What a beautiful day it is here  
And how beautiful you look out there  
Just look greatI packed up my bags  
Put in my favorite Levis  
Laid my mandolin beside the door  
I said to mommaI won't be long  
Don't worry about me  
I'll be home before darkI'll be alright  
And you'll be fine without me  
I'll be home before darkBought a ticket to New York city  
One way out and no return  
I watched the sun go down across the plains from Denver  
Lord, how the western sky can burnMet a boy in the darkness  
Handsome, tall and heartless  
Loved him like an eagle loves the wind  
Till I heard him sayI won't be long  
Don't worry about me  
I'll be home before dark  
I'll be homeI'll be alright  
And you'll be fine without me  
I'll be home before darkMy daughter looks like him they say  
To me she looks like momma  
I see an eagle's shadow in her eyesLast night at her birthday  
We blew the candles out together  
I wonder will she take me by surprise  
When she says mommaI won't be long  
Don't worry about me  
I'll be home before dark  
I'll be homeI'll be alright  
And you'll be fine without me  
I'll be home before dark  
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