

Valerie

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Valerie (By Patti Scialfa)

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To the east and factories stand like fire breathing dragons against the sky.

And from their throats a scarlet river burns itself into smoky lullabies.

Over neon and fluorescent skies. VALERIE CAN YOU HEAR THOSE ENGINES DRONE.

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AND ONCE I KNEW A TRUE LOVE IT'S BEEN THREE YEARS SINCE HE'S GONE.

AND IF I COULD GET THAT FEELING BACK I'D GIVE UP EVERYTHING I OWN. Sixteen days since I
left corona and I traveled to this carnival town near Alberndeel.

And I rode the coaster there on the fairground. Twisted backbone of a beast that never heals. And I left some
skin on fortunes wheel. VALERIE CAN YOU HEAR THOSE ENGINES DRONE.

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motion now in this little border town.

I've come so close from so far.

Just to hide behind these windows here from the world outside.

I watch those cars and trucks raise trails of dust down the road as they pass by. VALERIE CAN YOU HEAR
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