Motherland

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Where in the hell can you go
Far from the things that you know
Far from the sprawl of concrete that keeps crawling its way
About a 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 your sleeveMotherland cradle me
Close my eyes, lullaby me to sleep
Keep me safe, lie with me, stay beside me don't go
Don't you goOh, my five and dime queen
Tell me what have you seen?
The lust and the avarice, the bottomless, the cavernous greed
Is that what you see?Oh, motherland cradle me
Close my eyes, lullaby me to sleep.
Keep me safe, lie with me, stay beside me don't goIt'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 all
If there's anything I can do at allNow come on shot gun bride
What makes me envy your life?
Faceless, nameless, innocent, blameless and free
What's that like to be?Oh, motherland cradle me
Close my eyes, lullaby me to sleep
Keep me safe, lie with me, stay beside me don't go
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