## The Kindness Of Strangers

## **Nick Cave & The Bad Seeds**

They found Mary Bellows cuffed to the bed With a rag in her mouth and a bullet in her head O poor Mary Bellows She'd grown up hungry, she'd grown up poor She left her home in Arkansas O poor Mary Bellows She wanted to see the deep blue sea She traveled across Tennessee O poor Mary Bellows She met a man along the way He introduced himself as Richard Slade O poor Mary Bellows Poor Mary thought that she might die When she saw the ocean for the first time O poor Mary Bellows She checked into a cheap little place Richard Slade carried in her old suitcase O poor Mary Bellows "I'm a good girl, sir" she said to him I couldn't possibly permit you in O poor Mary Bellows Slade tipped his hat and winked his eye And turned away without goodbye O poor Mary Bellows She sat on her bed and thought of home With the sea breeze whistling all alone O poor Mary Bellows In hope and loneliness she crossed the floor And undid the latch on her front door O poor Mary Bellows They found her the next day cuffed to the bed A rag in her mouth and a bullet in her head O poor Mary Bellows So mothers keep your girls at home Don't let them journey all alone Tell them this world is full of danger The shun the company of strangers O poor Mary Bellows O poor Mary Bellows

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