

# O Evangeline

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Oh, yeah, yeah

My doll, oh

Da, da, re

Oh Evangeline, you've been gone so long

And for a time it seemed every road you took turned wrong

But a second chance would come with each new bridge you burned

I know you squandered some but then from some you learned

And the point of rescue, well, you passed that long ago

Oh, but to hear you tell it was just another part of the show

Oh Evangeline, your faith shone blind and true

We raise our glass and sing of you, Evangeline

Evangeline, Evangeline

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Oh Evangeline, you with no kith or kin

The nights so hard and mean, you shed like them a skin

For you were always strong when the bad slid down to worse

You still had that song, it was your blessing and your curse

But in your tongue there is no word for home

There'll be no one to roll away the stone

Oh Evangeline, you have been a prisoner here

Bread and roses we shall bring to you, Evangeline

Oh Evangeline, what are you fighting for?

You stayed out in that ring when nobody's even keepin' score

But round by round you earned, your stumble into grace

Still with every turn the world becomes a sadder place

It swallows up the ones you have loved the most

So you sleep with none and you wake with ghosts

Oh Evangeline, you have salted with your tears

Every lonely mile you've seen through the years, Evangeline

Evangeline, Evangeline

Evangeline, Evangeline

Evangeline, Evangeline

And it's a fatal shore you now wash upon

So weary of the war and no longer young

Oh Evangeline, your voice risin' sweet and clear

We close our eyes and dream of you, Evangeline

Evangeline, Evangeline

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Evangeline, Evangeline

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