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"From Paradise"

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She was born
In the river land
Born of her mother, into her mother's hands
She was free, as the river was wild
She was so innocent,
Such a beautiful child

Then they took her away
From Paradise
Where everything was beautiful
And very nice

They took her away
Her mother's tongue
Slapped her around a little bit
To teach her another one

In and out of institutions
What could they do with this child
Where was the neat solution?
There was nothing they could do
So they gave her to the street
And she joined all the rest of the hungry and the tired
feet

And they took her away
From Paradise
Where everything was beautiful
And very nice

They took her away
Her mother's tongue
Slapped her around a little bit
To teach her another one

And the pondies they don't swim here any more
And pondies the swim here any more

She met a boy
Who kind of knew
Some of the things that she was going through

But he was confused
So he ran away
She found him again
And here she is today

And they took her away
From Paradise
Where everything is beautiful
And very nice

They took her away
Her mother's tongue
Slapped her around a little bit
To teach her another one

Took her away from paradise
Away from paradise
Away... Away... Away from Paradise...

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