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Counting Crows "Mrs. Potter's Lullaby"

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Well, I woke up in mid-afternoon 'cause that's when it all hurts the most I dream I never know anyone at the party and I'm always the host If dreams are like movies, then memories are films about ghosts You can never escape, you can only move south down the coast

Well, I am an idiot walking a tightrope of fortune and fame

I am an acrobat swinging trapezes through circles of flame

If you've never stared off into the distance, then your life is a shame

And though I'll never forget your face

Sometimes I can't remember my name

Hey Mrs. Potter, don't cry Hey Mrs. Potter, I know why but Hey Mrs. Potter, won't you talk to me?

Well, there's a piece of Maria in every song that I sing And the price of a memory is the memory of the sorrow it brings

And there is always one last light to turn out and one last bell to ring

And the last one out of the circus has to lock up everything

Or the elephants will get out and forget to remember what you said And the ghosts of the tilt-a-whirl will linger inside of your head And the ferris wheel junkies will spin there forever instead When I see you, a blanket of stars covers me in my bed

Hey Mrs. Potter, don't go I said, hey Mrs. Potter, I don't know but Hey Mrs. Potter, won't you talk to me? All the blue light reflections that color my mind when I sleep And the lovesick rejections that accompany the company I keep All the razor perceptions that cut just a little too deep Hey, I can bleed as well as anyone But I need someone to help me sleep

And so I throw my hand into the air and it swims in the beams It's just a brief interruption of the swirling dust sparkle jet stream Well, I know I don't know you and you're probably not what you seem But I'd sure like to find out So why don't you climb down off that movie screen

Hey Mrs. Potter, don't turn Hey Mrs. Potter, I burn for you Hey Mrs. Potter, won't you talk to me?

When the last king of Hollywood shatters his glass on the floor

And orders another, well, I wonder what he did that for That's when I know that I have to get out 'cause I have been there before

So I gave up my seat at the bar and I head for the door

We drove out to the desert just to lie down beneath this bowl of stars We stand up in the palace like it's the last of the great

pioneer town bars

We shout out these songs against the clang of electric guitars

You can see a million miles tonight But you can't get very far Oh, you can see a million miles tonight But you can't get very far

Hey Mrs. Potter, I won't touch you Hey Mrs. Potter, it's not much but Hey Mrs. Potter, won't you talk to me?

Hey Mrs. Potter, won't you talk to me? Hey Mrs. Potter, won't you talk to me?

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