

## **Emiliana Torrini**

### **"Beggar's Prayer"**

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Mamma said lift your head from the sieve of your  
hands

Mamma said eventually this hurting will end  
But the shock waves on my bones will linger  
Like the ghost of you here in my bed

When I was lost you thought me a beautiful find  
Sometimes I think of you sleeping, so sleep for a while  
I find myself asking, "Who'd do this to love?"  
And the white shouldered mountains, they pointed  
above

Lord, you just dropped me here by the side of this road  
Out here's too cold and I don't want to walk it alone  
I got a bottle of your blood inside me  
And an old beggar's prayer on the tip of my tongue

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