

Emmylou Harris

"Lost Unto This World"

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Hmm ohh ohh
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I was once some mother's darlin'
Some daddy's little girl
More a precious than the ruby
More cherished than the pearl
My heart was full of mercy
And my forehead full of curl
Now I am nothing and I'm lost unto this world

I am lost unto this world
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I am lost unto this world

They herded me like cattle
Cut me down like corn
Took me from my babies
Before they could be born

You can blame it on the famine
You can blame it on the war
You can blame it on the Devil
It don't matter anymore

I am lost unto this world
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I am lost unto this world

I was tortured in the desert
I was raped out on the plane
I was murdered by the highway
And my cries went up in vain
My blood is on the mountain
My blood is on the sand
My blood runs in the rivers
That now washes through their hands

I am lost unto this world
I am lost unto this world

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I am lost unto this world

Oh can I get no witness
This unholy tale to tell?
Was God the only one there watching
And weeping as I fell?

Umm hmm umm hmm
Umm hmm umm hmm
Umm hmm umm hmm
Umm hmm umm hmm

Ohh you among the living
Will you remember me at all?
Will you write my name out
With a single finger scrawl?

Across a broken window
In some long forgotten wall
That goes stretching out forever
Where the tears of Heaven fall

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