

Emmylou Harris

"My Baby Needs A Shepherd"

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My baby needs a shepherd, she's lost out on the hill
Too late, I tried to call her when the night was cold and still
And I tell myself I'll find her but I know I never will
My baby needs a shepherd, she's lost out on the hill

My baby needs an angel, she never learned to fly
She'll not reach sanctuary just by looking to the sky
I guess I could have carried her but I didn't even try
My baby needs an angel, she never learned to fly

Oh, I ran so far through a broken land
I was following that drummer, beating in a different band
Somewhere on the highway, I let go of her hand
Now she's gone forever like her footprints in the sand

Toora loora loora lo, first the seed and then the rose
Toora loora loora li, my kingdom for a lullaby
My baby needs a pilot, she has no magic wand
To help her part the troubled waters of the Rubicon
But in my soul, I know she'll have to go this one alone
After all that is the only way she's ever known

But there is no lamp in all this dark
That could chase away her shadow from the corners of my heart
I pray she rides a dolphin but she's swimmin' with the shark
Out where none can save her, not even Noah and his ark

Toora loora loora lo, to the cradle comes the crow
Toora loora loora li, my kingdom for a lullaby

My baby needs a mother to love her till the end
Up every rugged mountain and down every road that bends
Sometimes, I hear her cryin' but I guess it's just the wind
My baby needs a mother to love her till the end

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