

Emmylou Harris "O Evangeline"

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Oh, yeah, yeah
My doll, oh
Da, da, re

Oh Evangeline, you've been gone so long
And for a time it seemed every road you took turned
wrong
But a second chance would come with each new bridge
you burned
I know you squandered some but then from some you
learned

And the point of rescue, well, you passed that long ago
Oh, but to hear you tell it was just another part of the
show
Oh Evangeline, your faith shone blind and true
We raise our glass and sing of you, Evangeline

Evangeline, Evangeline
Evangeline, Evangeline

Oh Evangeline, you with no kith or kin
The nights so hard and mean, you shed like them a
skin
For you were always strong when the bad slid down to
worse
You still had that song, it was your blessing and your
curse

But in your tongue there is no word for home
There'll be no one to roll away the stone
Oh Evangeline, you have been a prisoner here
Bread and roses we shall bring to you, Evangeline

Oh Evangeline, what are you fighting for?
You stayed out in that ring when nobody's even keepin'
score
But round by round you earned, your stumble into
grace
Still with every turn the world becomes a sadder place

It swallows up the ones you have loved the most

So you sleep with none and you wake with ghosts
Oh Evangeline, you have salted with your tears
Every lonely mile you've seen through the years,
Evangeline

Evangeline, Evangeline
Evangeline, Evangeline
Evangeline, Evangeline

And it's a fatal shore you now wash upon
So weary of the war and no longer young
Oh Evangeline, your voice risin' sweet and clear
We close our eyes and dream of you, Evangeline

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