

Emmylou Harris

"Valerie"

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Valerie (By Patti Scialfa)

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To the east and factories stand like fire breathing
dragons against the sky.

And from their throats a scarlet river burns itself into
smoky lullabies.

Over neon and fluorescent skies.

VALERIE CAN YOU HEAR THOSE ENGINES DRONE.
I WANTED TO GO TO MEXICO BUT I'M STRANDED HERE
ALONE.

AND ONCE I KNEW A TRUE LOVE IT'S BEEN THREE
YEARS SINCE HE'S GONE.

AND IF I COULD GET THAT FEELING BACK I'D GIVE UP
EVERYTHING I OWN.

Sixteen days since I left corona and I traveled to this
carnival town near Alberndeel.

And I rode the coaster there on the fairground. Twisted
backbone of a beast that never heals. And I left some
skin on fortunes wheel.

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Everything's in slow motion now in this little border
town.

I've come so close from so far.

Just to hide behind these windows here from the world
outside.

I watch those cars and trucks raise trails of dust down
the road as they pass by.

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