

# Joan Baez

## "Motherland"

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Where in the hell can you go  
Far from the things that you know  
Far from the sprawl of concrete that keeps crawling  
It's way about 1,000 miles a day

Take one last look behind  
Commit this to memory and mind  
And don't miss this wasteland  
This terrible place

When you leave  
Keep your heart off your sleeve

Motherland cradle me  
Close my eyes, lullaby me to sleep  
Keep me safe, lie with me  
Stay beside me don't go, don't go, don't you go

Oh, my five and dime queen  
Tell me what have you seen?  
The lust and the avarice, the bottomless  
Cavernous greed, is that what you see?

Motherland cradle me  
Close my eyes, lullaby me to sleep  
Keep me safe, lie with me  
Stay beside me don't go, don't go

It's your happiness I want most of all  
And for that I'd do anything at all, oh, mercy me  
If you want the best of it or the most of all  
If there's anything I can do at all

Now come on shot gun bride  
What makes me envy your life?  
Faceless, nameless, innocent and blameless  
And free, what's that like to be?

Oh, motherland cradle me  
Close my eyes, lullaby me to sleep  
Keep me safe, lie with me  
Stay beside me don't go, don't go

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Don't you go

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