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John Mellencamp "Farewell Angelina"

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Written by: Bob Dylan 1965

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Farewell Angelina, the bells of the crown Are being stolen by bandits, I must follow the sound The triangle tingles, the music plays slow But farewell Angelina, the night is on fire, and I must go

There is no use in talking and there's no need for blame

There is nothing to prove, everything still is the same The table stands empty by the edge of the stream But farewell Angelina, the sky's changing colors, and I must leave

The jacks and the queens they have forsake the courtyard

Fifty-two gypsies now file past the guard In the space where the deuce and the ace once ran wild Farewell Angelina, the sky is folding, I'll see you after a while

See the cross-eyed pirate sit perched in the sun Shooting tin cans with a sawed-off shotgun And the corporals and the neighbors clap and cheer with each blast But farewell Angelina, the sky is trembling, and I must leave fast

King Kong little elves in the rooftops they dance Valentino-type tangos while the hero's clean hands Shut the eyes of the dead not to embarrass anyone Farewell Angelina, the sky is flooding over, and I must be gone

The camouflaged parrot, he flutters from fear When something he doesn't know about suddenly appears What can not be imitated perfect must die Farewell Angelina, the sky's flooding over, and I must go where it is dry Machine guns are roaring, puppets heave rocks At misunderstood visions and at the faces of clocks Call me any name you like, I will never deny it But farewell Angelina, the sky is erupting, and I must go where it's quiet

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