

Johnny Cash

"White Girl"

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I am stunned and I am broken
And my head is in my hand
For she, who said she love me
Will not wed an Indian man

My Gods who were wild ridden
Stand quiet by my side
For although I loved her
She would not be my bride

Oh, goodbye softly, sweet one
It was splendid while it ran
Goodbye, my bitter white girl
I'll forget you if I can

She came up to the pueblo
With her bright blonde hair
They told me not to love her
But I did not care

She took me to her parties
She carried me around
And I was a proud one
The tallest man in town

For I found great wonder
All wrapped in brilliant dreams
I held her strong but gentle
As kings have held their queens

I learned to drink strong whiskey
As she took me here and there
Until life without my whiskey
I could not bear

Oh, goodbye softly, sweet one

Well, when she came to leave me
She took me by the arm
And she said, she loved me
And would not do me harm

But she would not marry
Not an Indian she said
She thanked me for my offer
And I wished that I was dead

Now I'm back among my people
And they are kind to me
Although I'm sad with staggers
When I drink that tough whiskey

For I've been a white girl's pet
A captive Indian
Shown off and discarded
Just a drunk who might have been

Oh, goodbye softly, sweet one
Goodbye softly, sweet one

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