

## Linda Ronstadt & Emmylou Harris

### "Valerie"

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To the east the 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 fortune's wheel

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  
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  
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  
Everything I own  
Everything I own

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