

Melissa Etheridge "By Back Door"

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When I was a child I dreamed like a child of wonder
With my back in the grass, my eyes to the sky to see
I believed in the stars and I knew they cast a spell
That I was under, with my fingers in the dirt
I was part of the earth, every living thing was part of
me

But it's gone, it's gone
It's gone, it's gone, gone
I can't feel it, I can't feel it
Must've found a way out my back door
Must've run away out my back door
Because it's gone, gone, gone

Then I fell in love, love gave me a shot of pure desire
There was nothing else like this this unimagined bliss,
this ecstasy
Deep inside the night I believed I saw the light ignite a
fire
And it burned into the dark it burned deep inside my
heart
I thought it would burn eternally

But it's gone, it's gone
It's gone, it's gone, gone
I can't feel it, I can't feel it
Must've found a way out my back door
Must've run away out my back door
Because it's gone

So I run into the street and I'm shouting into the phone
Asking everyone I meet
I say have you seen it on my doorstep? Did you see it in
my car?
Have you seen it in the alley? Was it on the back of
some guitar?
Is it sleeping in the hallway? Does it cry all night alone?
Is it selling itself for money? Does it want, does it want
to come home?

Then I saw the world wounded deep and curled up on
my sidewalk

With their mouths all white and pale, telling all their
tales reality
So I picked up a sign and I found my place in line
And I shouted no talk but the men all painted proud
Their words empty and loud are trying hard to sell my
dream

And they tell me it's gone
They say it's gone, they say it's gone
Oh, but I can feel it, oh I want to feel it
I can't let it run away out my back door
I can't let it run away out my back door

Lord, if I look out there, if I look out there every day
I can't let it run away, I won't let it run away
But if I look out there every day

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