

## **Patti Scialfa** **"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

16 days since I left Corona  
And I traveled to this carnival town near Alberndee  
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

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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

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