

Emmy the Great

"All I Left Behind"

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(Emmylou Harris/Kate en Anna McCarrigle)

All I left behind should come as no surprise
To me since I fell through the black hole of your eye
Only little things inconsequential I could say
Of all I left behind with you along the lost highway
Silver earrings in Wichita
Beaded moccasins in Tonapah

But I had you so
I just let them go
The flannel shirt I wore to keep me from the cold
When we drove from Boston all the way to Buffalo
The leather boots I bought so many miles ago
I took them off to follow you into the Ohio
Never did my armor feel so thin

Silk was all I had between me and your skin
Like waterloo I lost that too
And the gold bracelet with my fathers name inscribed
On the back by the one who loved him all her life
The way I too could have loved you
The spanish shawl I put across the broken shade
Of the lamp that lit the room

That last night near Cour d'Alene
Only little things inconsequential I could say
Of all I left behind with you along the lost highway
Of all I left behind

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