

## Emmy the Great "Valerie"

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Valerie (By Patti Scialfa)

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To the east and 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 fortunes 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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