

## **Etheridge Melissa**

### **"Scarecrow"**

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Showers of your crimson blood  
Seep into a nation calling up a flood  
Of narrow minds who legislate  
Thinly veiled intolerance  
Bigotry and hate

But they tortured and burned you  
They beat you and they tied you  
They left you cold and breathing  
For love they crucified you

I can't forget hard as I try  
This silhouette against the sky

Scarecrow crying  
Waiting to die wondering why  
Scarecrow trying  
Angels will hold carry your soul away

This was our brother  
This was our son  
This shepherd young and mild  
This unassuming one  
We all gasp this can't happen here  
We're all much too civilized  
Where can these monsters hide

But they are knocking on our front door  
They're rocking in our cradles  
They're preaching in our churches  
And eating at our tables

I search my soul  
My heart and in my mind  
To try and find forgiveness  
This is someone child  
With pain unreconciled  
Filled up with father's hate  
Mother's neglect  
I can forgive But I will not forget

Scarecrow crying  
Waiting to die wondering why  
Scarecrow trying  
Rising above all in the name of love

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