

Home Before Dark

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What a beautiful day it is here
And how beautiful you look out there
Just look great

I packed up my bags
Put in my favorite Levis
Laid my mandolin beside the door
I said to mamma

I won't be long
Don't worry about me
I'll be home before dark

I'll be alright
And you'll be fine without me
I'll be home before dark

Bought a ticket to New York city
One way out and no return
I watched the sun go down across the plains from Denver
Lord, how the western sky can burn

Met a boy in the darkness
Handsome, tall and heartless
Loved him like an eagle loves the wind
Till I heard him say

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My daughter looks like him they say
To me she looks like mamma
I see an eagle's shadow in her eyes

Last night at her birthday
We blew the candles out together
I wonder will she take me by surprise
When she says mamma

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