

Mother's Day

It's mother's day, I'm in an airport alone
My daughter sounds happy on the phone
I've had her picture in my head all day
A mother wraps up her baby and walks away
She's asleep when I get home
I wake up before anyone
Climb in her bed with her
And hold my body next to hers

Just an ordinary day hey ay

I kiss her face when she's awake
She tells me about yesterday
She brings me the card she made for me
Molly & Bob on an apple tree
And I pour her milk, cook her eggs
Make her lunch, pack her bag
Walk her to school, kiss her goodbye
She runs inside and start to cry

And I see that nanny from Nepal and I thank her for the mother's day card
She's bringing up someone else's son
It's been four years since she's seen her own
At 3, Molly's back in my arms
And she takes her ball and runs off with a friend
Some bad kids try to take it away
She grabs it right back, she's not afraid

Later on, I watch her sleep
That same picture returns to me
6 years ago, December day
A mother wraps up her baby and walks away

Just an ordinary day hey ay ay

This is home

She's lying on a bed
In some crowded room
Trying to sleep

Not much else to do
The faces change around her
They speak to her sometimes
She's getting used to being left behind

When we find her
We'll belong to her
We won't see her first smile
We won't hear her first word
But ours will be the first hearts
She holds in her hands
She can keep 'em beside her
In her very own room

The Red Thread

I was only a girl when I went out on my own
You wrapped me up warm and just let me go
Now I live at the far end of this long distance line
And I'm just another one who's gone and left you behind

Wish we could look at your pictures, all the places you've been
I don't think you will but you can see them again
'Cause you can see them through me
The brown eyes I got from you
Now I wish I could give 'em back to you

This much I can say, this much I can do
When your heart is empty I'll try to fill it for you
'Cause I'm the girl who learned to love from watching you

Wish that I could tell you it'll all be alright
But you never did believe it through the trials of your life
You and I both know it just isn't true
When so much you love has been taken from you

I remember when you told me if we run out of time
How happy you were just to know she'll be mine
When I wrap her up warm, you'll be right next to me
'Cause they say that the red thread that ties me to you
Ties her to me

This much I can say, this much I can do

When your heart is empty I'll try to fill it for you
This much I can say, this much I can do
When your heart is empty I'll try to fill it for you
'Cause I'm the girl who learned to love from watching you
Watching you, watching you

Sleep well

No more sleep goodnight kiss
Nurse's hands will tuck you in
No husband to sleep next to
The children say goodnight to you
No more missing him at night
You think that he's by your side
No more funerals to bear
Everyone who left is here

You used to say the night may be long
But the day will shortly come
No troubles have you, none
So sleep well darling til the morning

No more nights when you can't sleep
Walking through the house you'd keep
In the dark you were afraid
Someone else could slip away
You would sit beside our beds
Watch our breathing as we slept
No photos of us next to you
You can't see them but we do

Sleep well mother till the morning