

## *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