

# Valerie

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I smell the incense  
And I'm filled with hope  
Got the mother and the Holy Ghost  
I'm lookin' for a miracle  
A second chance  
Yeah I'm gettin' ready  
To do my mercy dance

He's in his stall  
Down by St. Joseph's altar  
I almost turn around  
I nearly falter  
But I take my place in line  
Enter when it's time  
And soon the door slides open

Father, I should come to my senses  
I have a good wife  
I plead no defenses

But when I look at her  
I see Valerie  
And when she speaks to me  
I hear Valerie

Ain't no good reason  
Why a man should wander  
From the field he's sewn  
But Father  
Sometimes the heart has reasons  
Which reason does not know

I will not leave my family  
It's my kid I have a concern for  
But when I hold my wife  
It's Valerie I burn for

And if I were to go to hell  
Well, that's just the way it's gonna be  
'Cause it's gonna take more than three Hail Marys  
Before I forget Valerie

And so I live with this sadness  
The secret no one knows  
Except you father  
Just you

Father  
Can you make my feelings go away?  
I just wanna go home and hug my baby  
Tell her everything's gonna be ok

But when I look at her  
I see Valerie  
And when she speaks to me  
I hear Valerie  
And when I kiss her lips

I'm kissing Valerie  
Father forgive me  
I miss my Valerie

She's like a serpent  
Crawlin' through the backwoods  
Of my heart  
Tryin' to get the better part  
I cannot fight her  
When I'm with her I'm on fire  
Send out the Devil  
Extinguish my desire

Valerie, Valerie, Valerie go  
'Cause I'm all mixed up  
My head is turned around  
I want it both ways  
Don't wanna lose a good thing I've found  
But I can't run with the fox  
And hunt with the hound