

# My Baby Needs a Shepherd

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My baby needs a shepherd  
She's lost out on the hill  
Too late I tried to call her  
When the night was cold and still  
And I tell myself I'll find her  
But I know I never will  
My baby needs a shepherd  
She's lost out on the hill

My baby needs an angel  
She never learned to fly  
She'll not reach sanctuary  
Just by looking to the sky  
I guess I could have carried her  
But I didn't even try  
My baby needs an angel  
She never learned to fly

Oh I ran so far through a broken land  
I was following that drummer  
Beating in a different band  
And somewhere on the highway  
I'll let go of her hand  
Now she's gone forever  
Like her footprints in the sand

Toora loora loora lo  
First the seed and then the rose  
Toora loora loora li  
My kingdom for a lullaby

My baby needs a pilot  
She has no magic wand  
To help her part the troubled waters  
Of the Rubicon  
But in my soul I know she'll  
Have to go this one alone  
After all that is only way she's ever known

But there is no lamp in all this dark  
That could chase away her shadow  
From the corners of my heart  
I pray she's ride a dolphin  
But she's swimming with the shark  
Out where none can save her  
Not even Noah and his ark

Toora loora loora lo  
To the cradle comes the crow  
Toora loora loora li  
My kingdom for a lullaby

My baby needs a mother  
To love her till the end  
Up every rugged mountain  
And down every road that bends  
Sometimes I hear her cryin'

But I guess it's just the wind  
My baby needs a mother  
To love her till the end