

# 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 momma

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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I'll be home

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

My daughter looks like him they say  
To me she looks like momma  
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 momma

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