

## Emma Jean's Guitar

Chely Wright

I found it in a pawn shop in a ragged cardboard case  
With the guns and dusty watches it looked so out of place  
With a Trailways baggage sticker yellow frayed and torn  
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And her name's etched in the finish like a fading battle scar  
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I wonder if she played it in a small town talent show  
With her hair teased to perfection in a dress her mamma sewed  
And for a little inspiration she pasted on a star  
Here up on the head stock of Emma Jean's guitar

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I wouldn't even know her if I saw her face to face  
But there's a little bit of Emma Jean in every song I play  
She passed along these hopes and dreams cradled in my arms  
And I am just a guardian of Emma Jean's guitar

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