

## When Alexander Met Emma

Chumbawamba

When Alexander met Emma  
The first day she came to New York  
Sachs's Cafe in Manhattan  
Coffee and cigarettes and talk  
Sun beating down on the East Side  
Introductions are made in the haze  
Emma, meet Alexander -  
Emma just smiles as she says:

"Take my hand. I'll take yours.  
Save my life. I'll save yours."

Life stretches loudly before her  
From the Bowery to old Suffolk Street  
A five dollar bill in her pocket  
And a worldful of people to meet  
Ships rigging up in the Hudson  
Waiting for love to set sail  
Emma she tells Alexander  
"I'll be there when you walk from the jail"

"Take my hand. I'll take yours.  
Save my life. I'll save yours."

Newspaper talk turns to headlines  
A love so cemented in fame  
A word to the strike-breaking bosses  
Propaganda in deed and in name  
Fourteen long years on the island  
It's a lifetime of summers to wait  
And Emma, she meets Alexander  
As they unlock the last prison gate

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