

# Mama Here, Mama Gone

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Basinets and babies  
St. Vincent's Infants Home  
Orphaned in limbo  
Helpless and alone  
Paradise receding  
Paradise withdrawn  
A tiny heart is beating

Mama here  
Mama gone  
Mama gone

Cut loose and falling  
Thru the crevasse cradle crack  
Rock a bye baby  
Mama ain't coming back  
This night has no ending  
This darkness no dawn  
Descending, descending

Mama here  
Mama gone  
Mama gone

Day and nights of falling  
Thru darkness without dawn  
Baby's arms quit reaching

Mama here, Mama gone  
Mama here, Mama gone