Miss Alva Maria

Nine Days

I know I'm young, but its the oldest I've ever been I'm 23 now, halfway to 24 I'll never see these years again So don't make me ask again, and hold out this old tin cup Just reach out for my reaching hands And pull me up... Got no trouble staying thin And might think that I've been blessed Lord you know that I'd say yes God smiles upon the hungry, while you laugh... In this second story novel, that I call home Up the stairs and down the hall It's just like turning the page Got no rugs upon my floors, but it'll have to do for now But I'm only getting older ... And I worry about Miss Alva Maria Though she'll never even know that I exist Well we lost her 15 years ago, but I've been finding her all my life There's something about the way she looks that moves me There's something about the way she loves that moves me... This stale cigarette smoke, still clings To my shirt, my hair and my hands Well you know I ain't making jack, but you know that I'll be ba ck I've got nothing else to offer I've got nothing else to offer This is all I've got to offer... And I worry about Miss Alva Maria Though she'll never even know that I exist Well we lost her 15 years ago but I've been finding her all my life There's something about the way she looks that moves me There's something about the way she loves that moves me There's something about how she loses it all that moves me Won't you tell me what its like to be remembered? I know I'm young, but this is the oldest I've ever been I'm 23 now, halfway to 24 I'll never see these years again...