

## Parade

# "How Can I Call This Home?"

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SLATON:

Today we honor those who honored us some fifty years ago.

Those who gave life and limb for Georgia.

And suffered unimaginable degradation. But never defeat.

The men of Georgia, and the women of Georgia have never been defeated...

LEO:

I go to bed at night

Hoping when I wake

This will all be gone

Like it was just a dream

And I'll be home again

Back again in Brooklyn

Back with people who look like I do

And talk like I do

And think like I do

But then

The sun rises in Atlanta again...

SLATON:

They have risen from the ashes of war with honor and courage and strength!

LEO:

These people make me tense

I live in fear they'll start a conversation

These people make no sense

They talk and I just stare and shut my mouth

It's like a foreign land

I didn't understand

That being Southern's not just being in the South

When I look out on all this

How can I call this Home?

SLATON: I am proud to be a Georgian on this day

LEO:

These men belong in zoos

ASSORTED TOWNSPEOPLE:  
Excuse me! Sorry! Get your souveneirs!  
Watch your step sir

LEO:  
It's like they've never joined civilization

ASSORTED SPECTATORS:  
Where's the fella with the beer!  
Mamma that man pushed me!  
Lucinda! Hey now, fella!

LEO:  
The Jews are not like Jews  
I thought that Jews were Jews  
But I was wrong

ASSORTED SPECTATORS:  
You got ballons? I want one!  
Settle down... I never in my life!  
I'll take a beer!  
That Slaton's handsome...

LEO:  
I thought I would be fine  
But four years down the line  
With ev'ry word it's very clear  
I don't belong

ASSORTED SPECTATORS:  
La la la la la Atlanta

LEO:  
I don't cuss, I don't drawl  
So how can I call this home?

SLATON: Proud that our state is growing and building!

LEO:  
Home calls, and I'm free of the Southern breeze  
Free of magnolia trees and endless sunshine!  
Evermore lives the dream of Atlanta  
But not mine!  
Not mine

ENSEMBLE:  
We stand together  
In this great state of Georgia

LEO:  
A Yankee with a college education

Who by his own design  
Is trapped inside the land  
That time forgot

ENSEMBLE:  
Strong and proud

LEO:  
I'm trapped inside this life  
And trapped beside a wife  
Who would prefer that I said "Howdy" not "Shalom"

Well I'm sorry Lucille  
But I feel what I feel  
And this place is surreal  
So How can I call this home?

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