

## **Mos Def**

# **"Promised Land"**

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I left my home  
In  
Norfolk Virginia  
California  
On my mind  
Straddled  
That Greyhound  
Rode him  
Past Raleigh  
On across  
Caroline

Stopped  
In Charlotte  
And bypassed  
Rock Hill  
And we never  
Was a minute late  
We was  
Ninety miles  
Out of Atlanta  
By sundown  
Rollin' 'cross  
The Georgia state

We had motor  
Trouble it  
Turned into  
A struggle  
Half way  
'Cross Alabama  
And that 'hound  
Broke down  
And left us  
All stranded  
In downtown  
Birmingham

Straight off  
I bought me  
A through  
Train ticket

Ridin' cross  
Mississippi  
Clean  
And I was on  
That midnight  
Flyer out  
Of Birmingham  
Smoking into  
New Orleans

Somebody  
Help me get  
Out of Louisiana  
Just help me get  
To Houston town  
There's  
People there  
Who care  
A little 'bout me  
And they won't let  
The poor boy down

Sure  
As you're born  
They bought me  
A silk suit  
Put luggage  
In my hands  
And I woke up high  
Over Albuquerque  
On a jet  
To the promised land

Workin' on a T-bone  
Steak a la carte  
Flying over  
To the Golden State  
The pilot told me  
In thirteen minutes  
We'd be headin'  
In the terminal gate

Swing low  
Sweet chariot  
Come down easy  
Taxi  
To the terminal zone  
Cut your engines  
Cool your wings  
And let me make it  
To the telephone

Los Angeles  
Ggive me  
Norfolk Virginia  
Tidewater  
Four ten O nine  
Tell the folks  
Back home  
This is  
The promised land  
Callin'  
And the poor boy's  
On the line

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