

Nanci Griffith

"Across America"

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I've heard enough from pundits, I've heard our leaders
speak

I tell you now I'd rather talk to the people in the streets
'Cause you don't know someone until you've looked
them in the eye

And that gave me a purpose and every reason why

I drove myself across America from sea to shining sea
From the rocky coast of Maine to the mighty redwood
trees

From the plains of North Dakota to the Gulf of Mexico
It's good to know that hope's alive again across
America

I spoke to folks in New Orleans with hammers in their
hands

There's a waitress in Missouri who wants her own
health plan

And to the workers up in Michigan in all the auto plants
There were working men and women saying yes, we
can

Your checks and stocks and banks can't take our hope
away

You can't foreclose on hope, nobody has to pay

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