

## **Ani Difranco**

# **"Every State Line"**

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I got pulled over in west Texas  
so they could look inside my car  
he said are you an american citizen  
I said  
yes sir  
so far  
they made sure I wasn't smuggling  
someone in from Mexico  
someone willing to settle for america  
'cause there's nowhere else to go

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there's a new set of laws  
and every police man  
comes equipped with extended claws  
there's a thousand shades of white  
and a thousand shades of black  
but the same rule always applies  
smile pretty, and watch your back

I broke down in Louisiana  
and I had to thumb a ride  
got in the first car that pulled over  
you can't be picky in the middle of the night  
he said  
baby, do you like to fool around  
baby, do you like to be touched  
I said  
maybe some other time  
fuck you very much

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I'm in the middle of alabama

they stare at me where ever I go  
I don't think they like my haircut  
I don't think they like my clothes  
I can't wait to get back to New York City  
where at least when I walk down the street  
nobody ever hesitates  
to tell me exactly what they think of me

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a little town in pennsylvania  
there was snow on the ground  
I parked in an empty lot  
where there was no one else around  
but I guess I was taking up too much space  
as I was trying to get some sleep  
'cause an officer came by anyway  
and told me I had to leave

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