

## **Tom T. Hall**

# **"Promise And The Dream"**

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There's a sadness in your singing, I have never heard  
before  
There's a dying in your living that exists from shore to  
shore  
There's a coward in your character that I have never  
seen  
America, what happened to the promise and the dream

The promise was that men could live and worship as  
they please  
The dream was for the huddled masses yearning to  
breathe free  
We closed so many doors and banned the prayers on  
many scenes  
America, what happened to the promise and the dream

There's a numbness in your feeling for the  
disadvantaged poor  
There's a weakness in your strength because your  
leaders are unsure  
There are shadows in the light that once was freedom's  
brightest beam  
America, what happened to the promise and the dream

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many scenes  
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There's a hating in your loving for the permanence of  
vows  
Tomorrow doesn't matter it's all for the here and now  
Your most important word called love is now a dirty  
thing  
America, what happened to the promise and the dream

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