

Promised Land
Chuck Berry

Guitar Intro:

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e|-----8-8-8-8-8-8-8-----|
B|-----8-10---8-8-8-8-8-8-8-11--10-8-8-----|
G|-9BU-----11--10-8-9-----|
D|-----10--10-----|
A|-----|
E|-----|
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Verse 1:

Rhythm Guitar:

C shuffle

F shuffle

G shuffle

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e|-----|
B|-----|
G|-----|
D|--5-5-7-7-5-5-7-5-----|
A|--3-3-3-3-3-3-3-----3-3-5-5-3-5-5-3-----5-5-7-7-5-7-7-5-|
E|-----1-1-1-1-1-1-1-----3-3-3-3-3-3-3-|
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C F
I left my home in Norfolk Virginia, California on my mind.
G C
Straddled that Greyhound, rode him past Raleigh, On across Caroline.

C F
Stopped in Charlotte and bypassed Rock Hill, And we never was a minute late.
G C
We was ninety miles out of Atlanta by sundown, Rollin' 'cross the Georgia state.

C F
We had motor trouble it turned into a struggle, Half way 'cross Alabam,
G C
And that 'hound broke down and left us all stranded In downtown Birmingham.

Guitar solo

Solo Basics:

slide-up

C

F

G

walkdown

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e|-----/8-----/10-----|
B|-----/8--/10----/12-----12--10--8--6--5-----|
G|---5/7---/9-----12--10--9--7--5-----|
D|-7-----5-----|
A|-----|
e|-----|
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Verse 2:

Straight off, I bought me a through train ticket, Riding 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 to help me get to Houston Town
There are people there who care a little 'bout me And they won't let the poor boy down

Sure as you're born brought me a silk suit Put luggage in my hand
And I woke up high over Albuquerque On a jet to the promised land

Guitar Solo

Verse 3:

Working on a T-bone steak a la carte Flying over to the golden state
Ah when the pilot told us in thirteen minutes He would set us at the terminal gate

Swing low chariot come down easy Taxi to the terminal zone
Cut your engines and cool your wings And let me make it to the telephone

Los Angeles give me Norfolk Virginia Tidewater four ten o nine
Tell the folks back home its the promised land calling And the poor boy is on the line

Guitar Solo