

Promised Land

Johnny Rivers

I left my home in norfolk virginia
California on my mind
I straddled that greyhound
And rode into raleigh
And on across caroline

We had motor trouble that turn into a struggle
Halfway across alabam
And that hound broke down and left us all stranded
In downtown birmingham

Right away I brought me a through train ticket
Ridin across 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 about me
And they wont let the poor boy down

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

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 this is the promised land
calling
And the poor boy is on the line

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