The Promised Land
The Band

Promised Land 4/4 The Band Chuck Berry
Standard Tuning Capo 2

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                    / G                     /
I / left my home in / Norfolk, Virginia,
         / G                   / C
Cali - / fornia on my / mind,
  / D
I / straddled that Greyhound, and
D
Rode him into Raleigh, and
D                        / G
On across Caro - / line.

      / G                                   /
We / stopped in Charlotte, to / by pass Brockhill,
      / G                            / C
We / never was a minute / late,
             / D                                /
We was / ninety miles out of At - / lanta by sundown,
D                                / G
Rollin  out of Georgia / state.

      / G                                 /
We / had motor trouble that / turned into a struggle,
          / G                        / C
Half - / way across Ala - / bam , and
        / D                                 /
That / hound broke down and / left us all stranded,
    / D                              / G
In / downtown Birming - / ham.

Break: One verse Instrumental

G                                      /
Right away I bought me a / through train ticket,
               / G                      / C
Right a - / cross Mississippi / clean,
         / D                      /
I was / on that midnight / flyer out of Birmingham,
D                                / G
Smokin  into New Or - / leans.

G                                /
Somebody help me get / out of Louisiana,
G                                  / C
Help me get to Houston / town,
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               / D                          /
There are / people there, who / care a bit about me, and
         / D                                / G
They / won t let the po  boy / down.
G                                    /
Sure as you re born they / bought me a silk suit,
G                          / C
Put luggage in my / hand, and
  / D                            /
I / woke up high over / Alberquerque,
        / D                            / G
On a / jet to the promised / land.

Break:

G                                /
Workin  on a T-bone / steak a la carte,
         / G                            / C
Flyin  / over to the Golden / State,
                / D                    /
When the / pilot told us in / thirteen minutes,
                / D                              / G
He would / set us at the terminal / gate.

G                           /
Swing low chariot, / come down easy,
G                            / C
Taxi to the terminal / zone,
D                                /
Cut your engines and / cool your wings, and
            / D                            / G
Let me / make it to the tele - / phone.

G                                /
Los Angeles, give me / Norfolk Virginia,
          / G                      / C
Tide - / water four ten o / nine,
D              /                                            /
Tell all the / folks back home, this is the / Promised Land callin , and
       / D                        / G
The / po  boy is on the / line.

Outro: One verse Instrumentalf
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