

The Promise of This Land

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Once upon a promised land
From sea to shining sea
People lived by freedoms light
Folks like you and folks like me
And out there in this promised land
Behind every door
Anyone could dare to dream
Like no place else like none before

And so we came from everywhere
Together and alone
Searching for a better life
Then the one we had known

And so we pledge tonight
No matter where we stand
To keep the promise of this land

But out there in this promised land
Beneath this fairy tale
Suddenly the winds of change
Have steered a course beyond the pale
And with this new uncertainty
Where nothing's as it seems
Can our children still believe
They'll find a way to reach their dreams

And with this new reality
Let us hear the call
We the people shall unite
Honor bound for one and all
And though we disagree
Hell it's all part of the plan
To keep the promise of this land
Cause this is our land

Are we all part of this promised land
Or is it just for some
Our fathers seem to have said it right
It's E pluribus unum
When they fought and they died against tyranny's lies
And that's for everyone (Everyone)
With a torch burning bright from dawn's early light
And from the many one
We are one

Come on people say
The promised land the promised land
To the promise of this land
Rise up and stand with me
The promised land the promised land
To the promise of this land
Cause we've got to choose hope
Not hate
But faith
In our better angels
Truth

No lies
And give help
To the hands of strangers
Clap your hands
Stomp your feet
Shout it loud
Can we make it to
The promised land the promised land
To the promise of this land

God bless this promised land
The promise of this land
There ain't no guarantees
It's up to you and me
To keep the promise of this land
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