

# 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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