

Momma told her don't go chasing rings  
They put you out to pasture  
When they get down on one knee  
Oh baby girl I used to dream like you  
But just cause daddy pays the bills don't mean that I ain't paying too

Cause men like Moses  
Can split those oceans  
But here's to hoping  
We find a canoe

She said I won't be the one who never left town  
I can't bear to wear the shackles of my momma's wedding gown  
Heaven won't you turn my muddy river water into wine  
Cause I'm California dreaming in Carolina pine

She says I'll never find my freedom in these fields  
And she's saving for a set of keys to anything with wheels  
Cause she's gotten so familiar to the sound  
Of dad coming home late and momma trying to calm him down

But if old Moses  
Can split those oceans  
Then here's to hoping  
Maybe I could too

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Well she got that set of keys a week too late  
All her friends turned into freshmen at some college out of state  
And this summer rain has made it hard to leave  
And she tries to keep from crying as he gets down on one knee

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