## **The Promised Land**

There ain't nothing special 'bout The place where I was raised Just a picture show, a dairy queen And Friday football games

The river where we used to swim On carefree summer days And a water tower that we all climbed And proudly wrote our names

I gave my heart to Jesus there When I was just 13 I remember mama cryin' As the choir began to sing

The congregation stood up And the preacher shook my hand So many miles, and years ago Back in the promise land

Their singing "Rock Of Ages" In that church where mama goes Standing on the promises And praying for the lost sheep of the poor

How I got so far away I'll never understand From those streets of gold, that I call home Back in the promise land

Now fallen angels walk the streets Beneath the neon lights And there ain't no milk and honey flowin' Where I spend my nights

The light that used to shine on me Is gone without a trace And there's only one thing keeping me From falling out of grace

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