

I Like Jersey Best

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Travelin' down the Parkway
Headin' for the shore
A thought just then occurred to me
I never thought before.

I've been a lot of places
Seen pictures of the rest
But of all the places I can think of
I like Jersey best.

Betting halls and shopping malls
And good ol' Rutgers U.
Forty-seven shoe stores
Line Route 22.

The Meadowlands, the root beer stands
Main Street, Hackensack
I may leave for a week or two
But I'm always comin back

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Seaside Heights, Margate
You can have Miami
I love the Garden State

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We have horses, Princeton courses
Gas stations we have scores
Trenton, Hopewell, Lake Hopatcong
Mantaloking Shores.

Some states have their rock stars
But Springsteen beats them all
And our beautiful arena
Has Brenda Byrne carved on the wall.

Lot of dineries and refineries
Our highways make you cough
But Spring Lake Heights and Belmar
Are places to get off.

Drinking spots and used car lots
Make the place just grand
If you want to pay a visit
Newark Airport's where you land.

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Philly dogs like chili dogs
They eat in Cherry Hill
In Woodbridge they make Haagen Dazs
I can't get my fill.

The Forked River ain't chopped liver
Nor is Lavalette
There are no Jersey strangers
Just friends we haven't met.

The Jersey Nets went that-a-way
Piscataway no more
Had another winning season
And next year they'll win more.

Our Giants could go all the way
If they could win just one
But the parties in the lots before
The games are really fun.

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Well, our famous Parkway is the dark way
Home from Manasquan
You'd think for all those quarters
They'd turn the road lights on

And have no pity, Jersey City
Once again will shine
Holmdel, Cape May, Phillipsburg
I like our state just fine.

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