

# The Promised Land

## Tab Chords And Lyrics

### By Chuck Berry

Intro – C

C F  
I left my home in Norfolk Virginia - California on my mind  
G C  
Straddled that Greyhound rode him into Raleigh - On across Caroline  
Stopped in Charlotte and bypassed Rock Hill  
F  
And we never was a minute late  
G C  
We was ninety miles out of Atlanta by sundown - Rollin' outta Georgia state  
F  
We had motor trouble it turned into a struggle- Half way 'cross Alabam  
G  
And that 'hound broke down and left us all stranded  
C  
In downtown Birmingham.

Break – C-F-G-C

C F  
Straight off, I bought me a through train ticket ridin cross Mississippi clean  
G  
And I was on that midnight flyer out of Birmingham  
C  
Smoking into New Orleans  
Somebody help me get out of Louisiana  
F  
Just help me get to Houston town  
G  
There抯 people there who care a little 'bout me  
C  
And they won't let the poor boy down  
F  
Sure as you're born, they bought me a silk suit - Put luggage in my hands  
G C  
And I woke up high over Albuquerque - On a jet to the promised land

Break – C-F-G-C

C F  
Workin' on a T-bone steak a la carte flying over to the Golden State  
G C  
The pilot told me in thirteen minutes - He would sit us at the terminal gate  
F  
Swing low sweet chariot, come down easy - Taxi to the terminal zone  
G C  
Cut your engines, cool your wings and let me make it to the telephone  
F  
Los Angeles give me Norfolk Virginia - Tidewater four ten O nine  
G  
Tell the folks back home this is the promised land callin'  
C  
And the poor boy's on the line  
Break - C-F-G-C