Across America

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I've heard enough from pundits, I've heard our leaders speak
I tell you now I'd rather talk to the people in the streets
'Cause you don't know someone until you've looked them in the eye
And that gave me a purpose and every reason whyI drove myself across America from sea to shining sea
From the rocky coast of Maine to the mighty redwood trees
From the plains of North Dakota to the Gulf of Mexico
It's good to know that hope's alive again across AmericaI spoke to folks in New Orleans with hammers in their hands
There's a waitress in Missouri who wants her own health plan
And to the workers up in Michigan in all the auto plants
There were working men and women saying yes, we canYour checks and stocks and banks can't take our hope away
You can't foreclose on hope, nobody has to pay

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