

# Far Celestial Shore

[Mavis Staples](#)

There's a place I know for certain  
I will someday see  
When I lay down my burden  
And look on Galilee  
Way beyond the surly bonds of earth and hate and war  
On a far celestial shore

There's a valley of crystal waters  
Vines adorn the hill  
Every bough is heavy with fruit  
You can pick your fill  
There's a land of plenty where no child shall want for more  
On a far celestial shore

And I'll know such jubilation  
Joy and exaltation when I see my lord

There's a choir and congregation  
Oooh how sweet the sound  
But laughter too is everywhere  
Grey faces are not found  
Hallelujah's rise up from a whisper to a roar  
On a far celestial shore

Solo verse

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