

Levelland

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Flatter than a tabletop
Makes you wonder why they stopped here
Wagon must have lost a wheel
Or they lacked ambition one On the great migration west
Separated from the rest
Though they might have tried their best
They never caught the sun So they sunk some roots down in the dirt
To keep from blowin' off the earth
Built a town around here And when the dust had all but cleared
They called it Levelland
The pride of man in Levelland Granddad grew the dry land wheat
Stood on his own two feet
His mind got incomplete
And they put in the home Daddy's cotton grows so high
Sucks the water table dry
But rolling sprinklers circle round
Bleedin' it to the bone And I won't be here when it comes a day
It all dries up and blows away
I'd hang around just to see But they never had much
Use for me in Levelland
They don't understand me
Out in Levelland And I watch those jet trails
Carving up that big blue sky
Coast to coasters watch 'em go And I never would blame 'em one damn bit
If they never looked down on this
Not much here they'd wanna know Just Levelland
Far as you can point your hand
Nothin' but Levelland Mama used to roll her hair
Back before the central air
We'd sit outside
And watch the stars at night She'd tell me to make a wish
I'd wish we both could fly
Don't think she's seen the sky
Since we got the satellite dish And I can hear the marching band
Doin' the best they can, they're playing
"Smoke on the Water", "Joy to the World" I've paid off all my debts
Got some change left over yet
And I'm gettin' on a whisper jet I'm gonna fly as far as I can get from
Levelland, doin' the best I can

Out in Levelland, imagine that

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