

# Peaceful Valley Boulevard

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One day shots rang across the peaceful valley  
God was crying tears that fell like rain  
Before the railroad came from Kansas City  
And the bullets hit the bison from the train  
Shots rang across the peaceful valley  
White man laid his foot upon the plain. The wagon train rolled through the dusty canyon  
The settlers full of wonder as they crossed  
A gentle creek where two old oaks were standing  
Before the west was won there was a cost  
A rain of fire came down upon the wagons  
A mother screamed and every soul was lost. Change hit the country like a thunderstorm  
Ancient rivers soon began to boil  
People rushed like water to California  
At first they came for gold and then for oil  
Fortunes were made and lost in lifetimes  
Mother earth took poison in her soil. An electro cruiser coasted towards the exit  
And turned on Peaceful Valley Boulevard  
"People make the difference" read a billboard  
Above a long line of idling cars. Who'll be the one to lead this world  
Who'll be the beacon in the night  
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Who'll be the one to lead the nations  
And protect God's creations A polar bear was drifting on an ice floe  
Sun beating down from the sky  
Politicians gathered for a summit  
And came away with nothing to decide  
Storms thundered on, his tears of falling rain  
A child was born and wondered why.

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