

Going Back West

Music by Jimmy Cliff



I was _____ and _____ in the ghetto
Talk/walk with me and you'll know
I wasn't *satisfied*, with living on the
side/size

I started _____ around, for a *possibility*

Listen to my _____ of what became of me
I met a _____

Who said he had some _____ back east
So why don't you **come along/ come among**

Well we can _____ you at least
We'll make you into a big _____
By playing your _____
But the joke was on _____
They *left me flat to* _____

Going _____ west
Yes I know I'll make out alright
Going back west
Where my music's _____ all **night/right**
Going back west (going back west)
I think I'll do **alright/all night**
Going back west
Yes I know I'll make out alright
Going back west
Where my music's _____ all night
Going back west (going back west)
I _____ I'll do alright

Struggling for *recognition, identity* and respect

I got a lot of *promises*
They told me not to *fret*
So we will stand by you
If the *going gets rough*
But when I started sinking
They didn't even *bluff*

About a _____ has come and gone
And _____ me standing here
Thinking how it _____ have been
For still I ain't **nowhere/somewhere**
They surely took me for a **ride/ kite**
Trampled on my **pride/ride**
But I hold my _____ up high
Got no more tears to _____.

Going back west
Yes I know I'll make out **alright/all night**
Going back west
Where my music's _____ all night
Going back west (going back west)
I think I'll do alright

Going back **west / first**
Yes I know I'll make out alright
_____ back west
Where my music's playing all night
Going back west (going back west)
I think I'll do alright

Going back west
Yes I know I'll make out alright
Going back west
Where my music's _____ all night.

Vocabulary Exercise

ghetto, satisfied, possibility, star, guitar, joke, flat, businessman, west, east, struggling, recognition,
identity, respect, promises, fret, sinking

Match the words in the first column to the best available answer in the second column.

	Column A	Column B
	ghetto	1) person who does business
	satisfied	2) a poor area in city
	possibility	3) something we say as a plan to help
	star	4) worry
	guitar	5) treating another person kindly
	joke	6) opposite of west
	businessman	7) something to make us laugh
	west	8) trying hard
	east	9) opposite of east
	struggling	10) become known by many
	recognition	11) going down
	identity	12) a famous person
	respect	13) feel happy about something
	promise	14) who we are
	fret	15) musical instrument
	sinking	16) chance or opportunity

Music comprehension questions

1. What's the singer's name?

2. Where was the singer born and raised?

a) garden b) ghetto c) streets

3. Was he born poor or rich?

a) Rich b) Poor c) not rich not poor

4. Why did he start playing music?

a) He loved music.

b) He wanted to make a living through music.

c) He was not good at school.

5. Who did he meet one day?

a) businessman b) teacher c) lawyer

6. What did the man promise him?

a) Promised to give him lots of money

b) Promised to make him a big star by sponsoring his music

c) Promised to adopt him

7. Did the singer become a big star in the EAST? Why?

a) No because he was not good enough.

b) No because the businessman exploited him.

8. Why is the singer GOING BACK WEST?

a) He is missing his family and friends.

b) Because he can do better in the WEST than EAST.

c) Because he loves his country in the WEST.

9. Do you think he will do alright if he goes back WEST? Why or why not?

10. People in the West love the singer's music.

a) True b) False

Going Back West: The story of Jimmy Cliff

Write a story about the music GOING BACK WEST

Use these questions to guide you.

1. What is the story about?
2. Who is the story about?
3. Where is the story set?
4. Are there any conflicts in the story? Who is against whom?
5. When did the story reach a climax?
6. How does the story end?

Jimmy goes back west

Introduction:

Jimmy Cliff is a singer who

Body:

Conclusion:
