From the bayous of Alabama To the jungles of Detroit From the delta of the Bible Belt To the battlefields of L.A.

There's a patriotic spirit That feeds the land it kills It's democracy's hypocrisy Of a shining city on the hill

Through the canyons of Chicago To the harbors of liberty From the deserts of Las Vegas To the forests of factories

There's a rumor of room at the top They are advertising still Those prostitutes in their business suits In that shining city on a hill

From the mountains of tomorrow To the valleys of silicone Down the highways of the Internet To the generous gardens of stone

We will pay the price in full We will buy the lie until We seize that city So fine and pretty That shining city on the hill

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