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 (going back west)

I think I'll do alright/all night

Going back west

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

Going back (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 ______.
**Vocabulary Exercise**

ghetto, satisfied, possibilty, 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.*

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<td><strong>guitar</strong></td>
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<td><strong>businessman</strong></td>
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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

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Body:

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Conclusion:

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