

Watch Out for the Cops

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Port - land is a town that's in the news much of the time There

are a lot of ve-gans and there's ve-ry lit-tle crime It's a nice safe place to live folks ride

bi-cy-cles a lot The win-ters aren't so cold and the sum-mers aren't so hot They build

hou-ses out of cob they hang out in the park Where you need -n't wor-ry a-bout

walk-ing af-ter dark There are lots of home-less peo-ple but they don't hurt no one Just be

care-ful of the boys in blue play-ing with their guns Watch out for the cops

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You can hang out with the punks with the piercings and tattoos
You can eat out at a food truck, any neighborhood you choose
You can dance to Balkan music while you drink a microbrew
Chilling in a gay bar with the mayor and his crew
But be careful what you do, be prepared to get some flack
Especially for those who may be male, young and Black
The fact is you'd do better in sweet home Alabam
You're safer there on the old streets of Birmingham

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Portland's full of roses, there are flowers everywhere
But for others they've got prisons with some nice electric chairs
You can go downtown, ride the buses there for free
But you never know when you'll get a DWB
A town full of progressives but such a rotten bunch of cops
Who knows who'll get shot at the next routine traffic stop?
When you live in a place like Portland where they tend to act this way
You can just join the police force instead of the KKK!

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