

## ***HITCHIN' TO BARSTOW***

*[exterior]*

DRIVER

Hey! Where you headed?

HITCHER

Barstow!

DRIVER

Oh, well, I'm only going as far as Victorville.

HITCHER

Hey, that's better than standing here. Anything helps.

DRIVER

You working' for the railroad out there?

HITCHER

Santa Fe? Nah, they wouldn't have me. I got baggage.

DRIVER

Y'okay. Just asking. Hop in.

*[interior]*

DRIVER

So, what's in Barstow?

HITCHER

Uh, my sister works for the city, denying welfare applications. She's going to try to find me a job there.

Do you have family in Barstow?

DRIVER

Not exactly. Just my ex.

HITCHER

Oh. [pause] Uh, Is that a gun?