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What is a Region?

"Certain Things in Common"

So many people and places,
You can't memorize all the towns and the faces, so we group 'em, #regions
That's when places have certain things in common
With other places they're near, so we call them, #regions
Areas with shared characteristics and features,
Before we go deeper boost the volume on your speakers,
Lots of features can define a region,
We group areas for many different reasons.
Could be cultural — what language do they speak?
What religion do they preach? What food do they eat?
Physical, like where a mountain range has risen,
Political, like within a certain jurisdiction.
Economic, like it's farmland or coal mines,
Climate, like monsoons rain for a long time.
Regions are human creations — we make 'em up, see?
Regional boundaries change and sometimes are fuzzy
Imagine that, regions can overlap,
So a place on the map can belong to more than one,
Like Kansas City, in the Midwest and Great Plains,
And the Corn Belt, yeah, where they chop that grain.

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Let's take Africa, that's a continent,
We can split up into two regions approximately.
See Africa's divided by the Sahara,
When travelers saw the desert, they didn't wanna bother
Trying to cross it, to the north is North Africa,
With the Mediterranean Sea splashing up.
In North Africa, the main religion is Islam,
You hear Arabic spoken by most folks and imams.
Cuisine has been influenced by the Middle East,
Catch a sandstorm, it's hot and dry mostly.
Another region is sub-Saharan Africa,
Sub means below, it's tropical with spectacular
Savannas and rainforests, thousands of languages to speak,
Christianity thrives with some less-held beliefs.
On the West coast, Europeans came for slaves,
It's been crippled by AIDS, and Bush tripled the aid.
It's sub-Saharan Africa's dance and music,
That influenced the tunes booming from your brand new Buick,
And sub-Saharan Africa can be divided more,
Western, Eastern, Central, Southern regions — know the score.

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