

HOPE OF AMERICA

PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS

Single class/grade level programs

Download the free lyric sheets and make copies for your students

Have your students sing along with the vocal models on the CD until they learn the words and phrasing for the songs. This makes it very easy for all the students to learn the song exactly the same way.

“Hand actions” can make the program more fun and entertaining. A free DVD containing hand action examples has been included with your packet for many of the songs. The songs taught on the DVD are recorded twice. A “Student’s version” is designed for the students to watch and learn by following the guide on the screen. There is also a “teachers version” which is mirrored. It is important that the teachers learn this version because the students will be opposite them and watching them as a guide during the performance.

Optional student practice CD’s are available for \$3 each and can be sent home with the students so they can learn the songs away from school. Many schools have found this makes a huge difference in the quality of their performance.

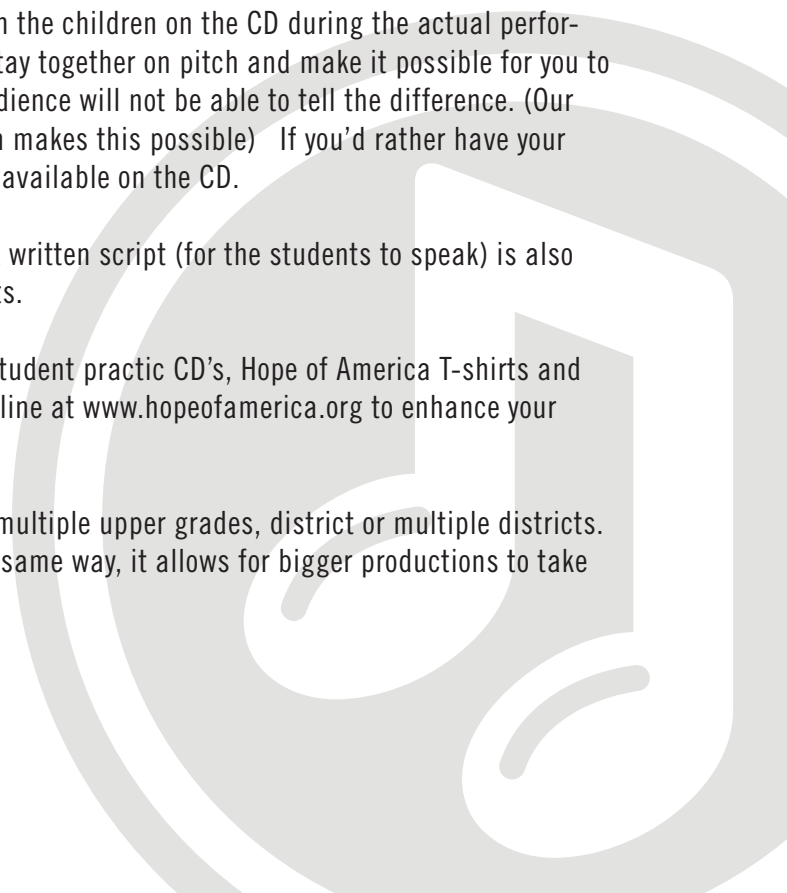
During the performance, it is important that you have a good sound system with microphones that will pick up the size of your group. A floor speaker should be close to the singers that faces toward them so they can easily hear the music.

Some schools choose to have the students sing along with the children on the CD during the actual performance so the group sounds bigger. This will help them stay together on pitch and make it possible for you to control the volume. If you have good microphones the audience will not be able to tell the difference. (Our recordings are made by regular classroom students which makes this possible) If you’d rather have your students sing to just the accompaniment track, it is also available on the CD.

A professional narration has been included on your CD. A written script (for the students to speak) is also available and can be downloaded free with the lyric sheets.

Optional materials including visual aids (music DVD’s), student practice CD’s, Hope of America T-shirts and sheet music are also available and can be purchased on-line at www.hopeofamerica.org to enhance your program.

This program can be used by a single class, grade level, multiple upper grades, district or multiple districts. Because all students learn the song phrasing exactly the same way, it allows for bigger productions to take place with minimal rehearsals.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How did “Hope of America” start?

“Hope of America” was created 16 years ago by Kathy MacDonald with America’s Freedom Festival in Provo, Utah. Each year nearly 8000 elementary school children from 72 schools (including charter, private and home schools) come together and present songs of hope, service and patriotism. This year, every elementary school in the state of Utah will be invited to participate in this free program, making it the biggest patriotic celebration of its kind in the country.

What grade levels is “Hope of America” designed for?

“Hope of America” is primarily designed for upper elementary school aged children (grades 3-6) and also middle school age students. It can be performed by a single class, grade level, multiple upper grades, district or multiple districts. Because all students learn the song phrasing exactly the same way from the CD, it allows for bigger productions to easily take place with minimal rehearsals.

Is this program really free?

Yes. With support from the Lieutenant Governor’s Commission on Civic and Character Education, and the donated talents of Classroom Classics, Prime Records, and show creator Kathy MacDonald, “America’s Freedom Foundation” is offering this free musical program packet to every elementary school in the state of Utah. This packet includes everything needed to put on an individual school performance and/or can be used as a valuable teaching resource in the classroom.

Supplemental materials such as visual aids (music DVD’s), student practice CD’s, sheet music and Hope of America T-shirts are also available to enhance your school program. Due to the manufacturing costs associated with these optional materials, they are available for purchase at deeply discounted prices.

Can I make copies of your CD’s?

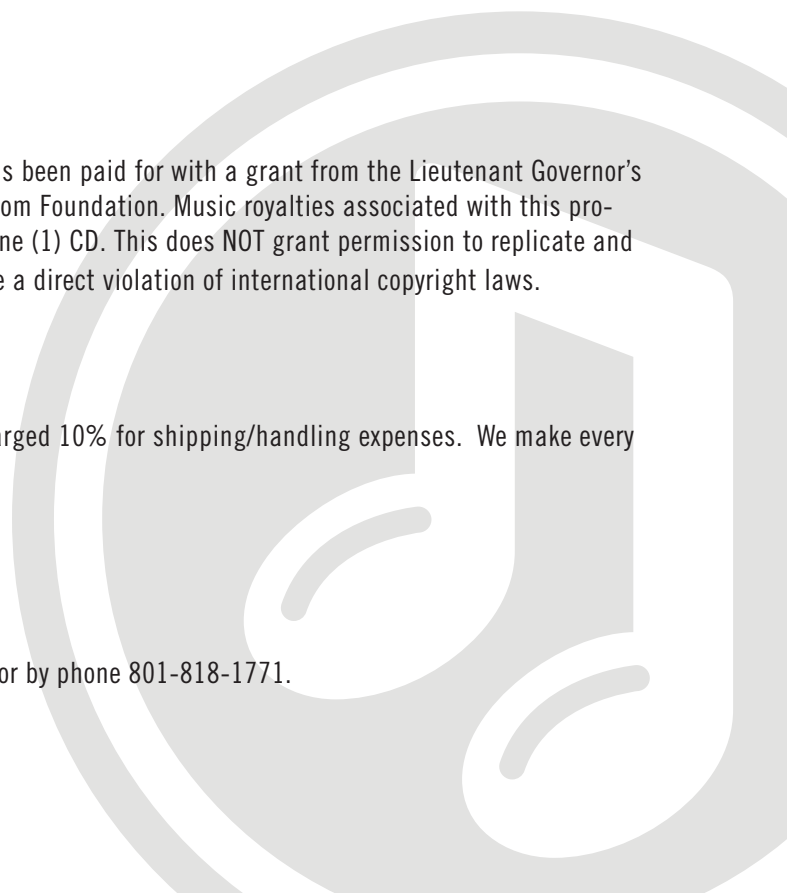
Each school is receiving one free musical program packet which has been paid for with a grant from the Lieutenant Governor’s Commission on Civic and Character Education and America’s Freedom Foundation. Music royalties associated with this program are also paid for through this grant and entitle each school one (1) CD. This does NOT grant permission to replicate and distribute additional copies of the music in any form. This would be a direct violation of international copyright laws.

How much do you charge for shipping?

All domestic orders are shipped via US First Class Mail and are charged 10% for shipping/handling expenses. We make every effort to ship all orders within 5 days of receiving it.

How Can I contact you?

Feel free to contact us via e-mail at contact@freedomfestival.org or by phone 801-818-1771.



HOPE OF AMERICA

NARRATION

One of the many privileges children enjoy in this country is the opportunity to go to school. A quality education is available to everyone. If we study hard and do our best today, we will be prepared to make a difference tomorrow. Children are America's greatest resource. We're the HOPE OF AMERICA!

SONG- WE'RE THE HOPE OF AMERICA

Americans are a blend of many nationalities, cultures, and religions. We are a diverse people that have both rights and responsibilities as citizens. We ask you now to stand and join the chorus in singing our National Anthem.

SONG- STAR SPANGLED BANNER

As Americans, we enjoy many freedoms that allow us to live productive lives. Gratitude for this great country is expressed in the song, "I love America"

SONG- I LOVE AMERICA (VISUAL)

On July 4, 1776, leaders of the thirteen colonies met in Philadelphia and voted to approve the Declaration of Independence. At this historic moment, a new nation was born.

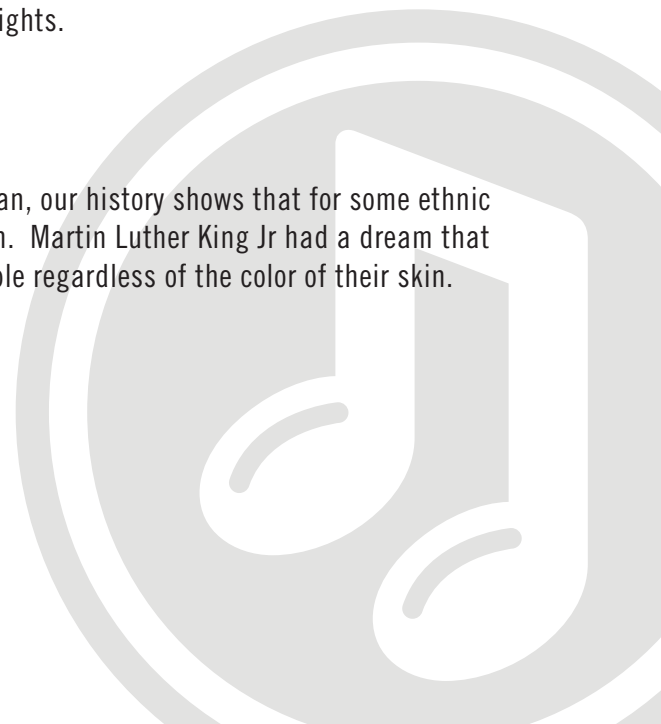
SONG- THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

The American Constitution is the corner stone of our government. One important part of the constitution was added to protect the rights of citizens. It's called the Bill of Rights.

SONG- THE BILL OF RIGHTS

Even though the bill of rights guaranteed equality to every American, our history shows that for some ethnic groups, civil rights without racial strife seemed beyond their reach. Martin Luther King Jr had a dream that this would change and one day freedom would be given to all people regardless of the color of their skin.

SONG- I HAVE A DREAM (VISUAL)



Today, “we the people” can make sure those who represent us in government are qualified for the job. When citizens turn 18-years-old, they have the privilege of going to the polls and voting for candidates who will represent and defend their views

SONG- VOTE

In the aftermath of earthquakes, tsunamis, fires and other types of disasters, there are brave American citizens who quickly step forward to save lives and restore order. As we sing “American Heroes”, we pay tribute to these courageous heroes whose selfless acts of service inspire us all.

SONG- AMERICAN HEROES (VISUAL)

There are many ways to describe the American ‘can do’ spirit. One way is to simply say “America Rocks!”

SONG- AMERICA ROCKS

It takes a lot of courage to leave your loved ones and go to war in military service. Many make this sacrifice and risk their own lives to keep us free. To these brave men and women we say “Thank you Military”.

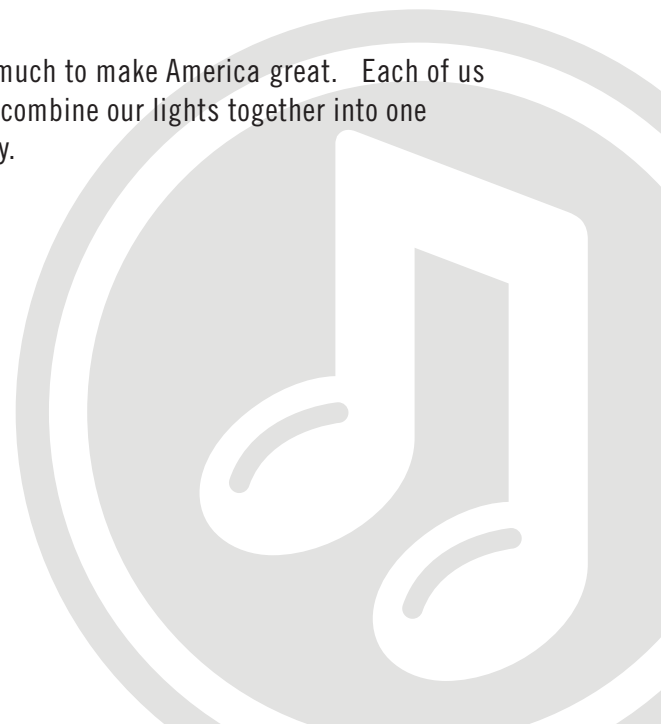
SONG- THANK YOU MILITARY (VISUAL)

There are many to thank for this great country that we live in. As citizens of Utah we have a rich heritage of courageous pioneers who came across the plains and settled here. “Blessed from Heaven above, It’s the land that we love. This is the place!

SONG- Utah...This Is The Place

In closing, we express our gratitude to all who have sacrificed so much to make America great. Each of us can be a light in preserving the future of our Country... And as we combine our lights together into one enormous ray, we will turn the darkest night into the brightest day.

SONG- WE CAN BE A LIGHT



HOPE OF AMERICA

**Words and Music- Merrill Osmond, Alan Osmond Cliff
Maag, Sam Cardon**

We're the hope of America...where there's hope there's America.
She's a land that we love...blessed from God up above.
Please protect our rights and liberty.
We're the hope of America...stand and shout for America.
Where the brave, where the strong...where the dreams belong
The hope of America.

Chorus

Keep the spirit alive with a heart united
Working with each other everyday.
Be courageous and strong with a voice that's singing
Hail to the USA!

We will fight for our honor, defend our freedom
Just like our fathers had to pay.
We'll live for you, we'll die for you today!
We're the hope of America...where there's hope there's America.
Reaching out far and near...oh, the message is clear
We're the hope of America.

Chorus

We will fight for our honor, defend our freedom
Just like our fathers had to pay.
United we stand...divided we fall.
This is our country...she needs us all.
We're the hope of America...where there's hope there's America
She's a land that we love blessed from God up above
Please protect our rights and liberty.

We're the hope of America...stand and shout for America.
Where the brave, where the strong...where the dreams belong
The hope of America
America, America, America, my own!



THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Words- Francis Scott Key

Music- John Stafford Smith

Oh say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,

Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thru the night that our flag was still there.

Oh say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Oh, thus be it ever, when free men shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation!

Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n rescued land
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us a nation!

Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto "In God is our trust!"

And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!



I LOVE AMERICA

Music- Gary Francis

Words- Sam Francis, Gary Francis

I love to see a baby
A mothers tender care.
The future of America
She is holding there.
I love to see small children
With hands upon their heart.
They pledge allegiance to our flag
Before their lessons start.

I love to see "Old Glory" in the breeze
Stars and stripes
Shining bright
It tells the world we're free.

I love America!
Long live this land of liberty.
I love America!
This is the place I want to be.
I love this land from 'sea to shining sea'
I love America
The homeland of the free

I love to see the farmlands
And smell the new mown hay.
A farmer on a tractor.
Working hard each day.
I love to see a church house
Where people go to pray.
They are seeking guidance
To live from day to day.

Many different cultures I can see...
They all came to this land
They wanted to be free!

I love America!
Long live this land of liberty.
I love America!
This is the place I want to be.

I love this land from 'sea to shining sea'
I love America
The homeland of the free!

We stand united all as one
Defending our liberty
And honor those who fight to keep us safe from
harm
Protecting our right to be free.

I love America!
Long live this land of liberty.
I love America!
This is the place I want to be.
I love this land from 'sea to shining sea'
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I love America
The homeland of the free



THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Words and Music- Sam Francis

The Declaration of Independence
Says “we hold these truth to be....”
“All men are created equal”
To live in harmony.
“They are endowed by their Creator
With certain unalienable rights...
That among these are life, liberty,
And the pursuit of happiness.”

CHORUS

The Declaration of Independence
“In the name, and by authority...
Declare, that these United Colonies
Are “free and Independent States”
A land of Liberty!

It was written by Thomas Jefferson
Signed on the 4th of July.
It declared our Independence
And told the reasons why.
In support of this declaration
Valiant men, strong and true...
They bravely “ pledged their lives, their fortunes.
And their sacred honor too.”

CHORUS

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It declared our Independence
And fought to keep men free!



THE BILL OF RIGHTS

Words- Sam Francis, Cliff Maag

Music- Cliff Maag, Sam Cardon

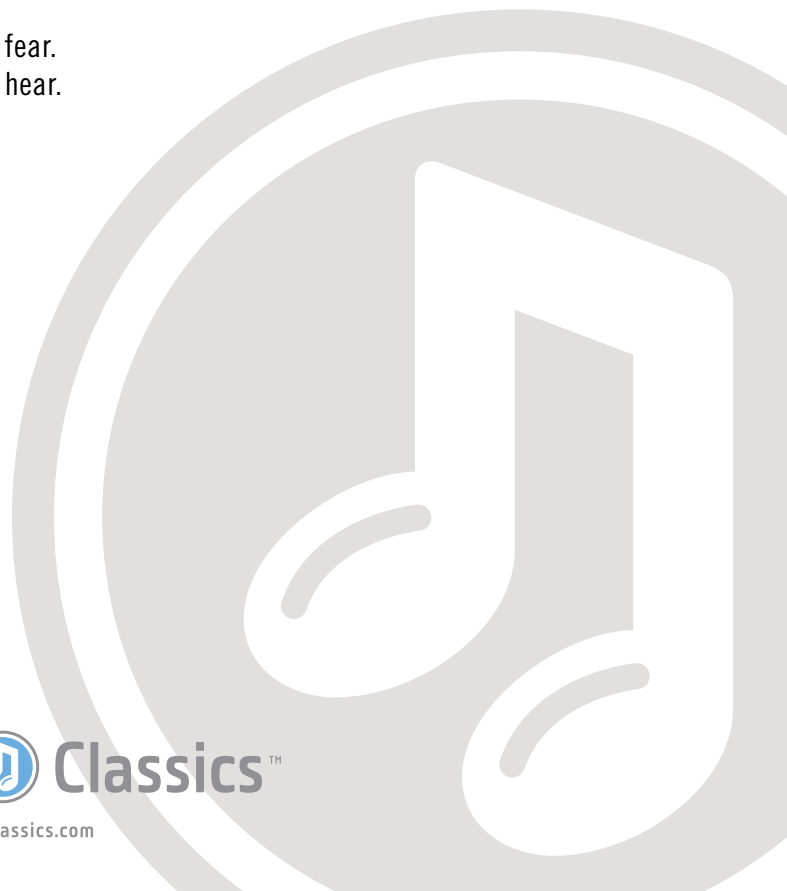
In our Constitution there's a written guarantee
That defends our rights and protects our liberty.
It's called the Bill of Rights... forever it will be
The document of freedom that will keep this country free!

Free to peaceably assemble...free, without punishment or fear.
Free to petition any grievance we want our government to hear.
We are free to speak and print our thoughts,
Free to disagree with what they say,
Free to have a trial by jury... free to worship how we may.

We just cannot be deprived of life...or liberty.
“Due process of law” is there protecting you and me.
We have the Bill of Rights... It's there to keep us free.
We have the right to choose ... and reach our destiny.

Free to peaceably assemble...free, without punishment or fear.
Free to petition any grievance we want our government to hear.
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I HAVE A DREAM...MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Words- Sam Francis, Gary Francis, Kathy Macdonald

Music- Sam Francis, Gary Francis

"I have a dream"
That one day we will see
A world that's filled with hope
Peace and harmony.
A place where all are free
And have equality.
That is the way it ought to be!

I have a dream
I have a dream
For all of God's children
Let freedom ring!
Martin Luther King
Said, "I have a dream"
Now's the time for brotherhood
Let's all join hands and sing.

"I have a dream"
That one day there will be
Fair laws and civil rights
For all humanity.
And justice is for all,
Men walk with dignity.
That is the way it ought to be!

I have a dream
I have a dream
For all of God's children
Let freedom ring!
Martin Luther King
Said, "I have a dream"
Now's the time for brotherhood
Let's all join hands and sing.

It doesn't really matter
The color of our skin
But the contents of our character
Is where we should begin!

"I have a dream"
That one day we'll be free
From hate and racial strife
And senseless cruelty
A brotherhood of man
Where all of us are free.
That is...the way it ought to be.

I have a dream
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For all of God's children
Let freedom ring!
Martin Luther King
Said, "I have a dream"
Now's the time for brotherhood
Let's all join hands and sing.

Now's the time for brotherhood
Let's all join hands and sing...
I Have A Dream!



LET'S VOTE AMERICA

Words and Music- Sam Francis, Cliff Maag

Give me a V...(V) Give me an O...(O) Give me a T...(T)
Give me an E...(E)

V O T EVote!

Voting is a privilege...
Responsibility.
It's the basic right
That keeps this country free.
It gives the right to choose
Secures our liberty.
'We The People' at the polls
Decide own destiny!

V O T E...Vote for honesty.
V O T E....Vote integrity...
V O T E... Protect our Liberty.
V O T E... Keep this country free!

Give me a V... (V) Give me an O...(O) Give me a T... (T)
Give me an E...(E)
V O T E... Vote!

Let's vote America
Don't stand idly by...
Elect those who are strong...
Who keep their standards high.
Leaders are important
They work for you and me
'We The People' at the polls
Decide our destiny!

V O T E...Vote for honesty.
V O T E....Vote integrity...
V O T E... Protect our Liberty.
V O T E... Keep this country free!

Voting keeps us free! (VOTE!)



AMERICAN HEROES

(A Tribute To The Firemen, Policemen, And Other Rescue Workers)

Words- Sam Francis, Gary Francis

Music- Gaye Gibbs

Someone cries out for help
And you answer the call.
A courageous hero.
You've given your all.
To save someone's life
You put yourself in "harms way"
And that is the task
That you do every day!

American heroes...you will always be
Forever remembered...in our history.
American heroes...you'll never die in vain.
You live in our hearts...and we honor your name!

Your task is not easy
And the risk...is so high.
With courage you rescue
And are willing to die.
To save someone else
You will search high and low
Risk your own life
For those you don't know!

American heroes...you will always be
Forever remembered...in our history.
American heroes...you'll never die in vain.
You live in our hearts...and we honor your name!
American Heroes...we honor your name!



AMERICA ROCKS

Words- Senator Orin Hatch

Music- Janice Kapp Perry

If you see a great big smile lighting up my face
It's because I know I live in a downright wonderful place
When I see red white and blue, my heart turns in-side out
From a feeling deep inside that makes me want to shout

America Rocks! America Rocks!
From its busy bustling cities to its quiet country walks
It's totally cool! It's totally hot!
I mean its like right there at the top!
America Rocks! America Rocks! America Rocks!

If you hear my happy voice--singing clear and strong
Maybe you could join right in and we'll all be singing along
When we sing allegiance to this country that we love,
We can let the whole world know we're feeling great because

America Rocks! America Rocks!
From its busy bustling cities to its quiet country walks
It's totally cool! It's totally hot!
I mean its like right there at the top!
America Rocks! America Rocks! (Rocks, Rocks)
America Rocks!



THANK YOU MILITARY

Words- Sam Francis, Gary Francis

Music- Gary Francis

It takes a lot of courage
To have to say "goodby"
Not knowing as you go to war
If you will live or die.
Many make this sacrifice
And they fight to keep us free.
They're doing it for each of us
They're doing it for me!

Thank you! Military
Our Country's proud of you
We are all so grateful
For everything you do!
And with our flags a wavin'
We'll proudly stand and say
THANK YOU! Military
We honor you today.

It takes a lot of courage
For families left behind.
They worry for your safe return
You're always on their mind.
We pray your strength will change this earth
That one day we will see
A world that's filled with hope and love
With peace and harmony!

Thank you! Military
Our Country's proud of you
We are all so grateful
For everything you do!
And with our flags a wavin'
We'll proudly stand and say
THANK YOU! Military
We honor you today.

The Army and the Navy
The Air Force and Marines.
To our Allied Forces
And those behind the scenes.
Let's not forget our Coast Guard
They protect our homeland too.
America is grateful
We give our thanks to you!

Thank you! Military
Our Country's proud of you
We are all so grateful
For everything you do!
And with our flags a wavin'
We'll proudly stand and say
THANK YOU! Military
We honor you today.

Thank you military
We honor you today.



UTAH...THIS IS THE PLACE

(THE STATE SONG OF UTAH)

Words- Sam Francis, Gary Francis

Music- Gary Francis

Utah! People working together
Utah! What a great place to be.
Blessed from Heaven above.
It's the land that we love.
This is the place!

Utah! With its mountains and valleys.
Utah! With its canyons and streams.
You can go anywhere.
But there's none that compare.
This is the place!

It was Brigham Young who led the pioneers across
the plains.
They suffered with the trials they had to face.
With faith they kept on going till they reached the
Great Salt Lake
Here they heard the words..."THIS IS THE PLACE!"

Utah! With its focus on family,
Utah! Helps each child to succeed.
People care how they live.
Each has so much to give.
This is the place!

Utah! Getting bigger and better.
Utah! Always leading the way.
New technology's here...
Growing faster each year.
This is the place!

There is beauty in the snow-capped mountains, in
the lakes and streams.
There are valleys filled with farms and orchards too.
The spirit of its people shows in everything they do.
Utah is the place where dreams come true.

Utah! With its pioneer spirit.
Utah! What a great legacy!
Blessed from Heaven above.
It's the land that we love.
This is the place!

Utah! Utah! Utah!
THIS IS THE PLACE!



WE CAN BE A LIGHT

Words- Sam Francis, Cliff & Rhonda Maag

Music- Cliff Maag, Sam Cardon

Wherever there is darkness, together we'll bring light.
Let's shine on all God's children...shine with all your might.
For those who feel forgotten, who are lost along their way,
This light's a new beginning...shining bright, it's there to light the way.

We can be a light...shining everywhere,
All across America... showing people that we care.
Oh, let your light so shine...helping others find their way.
We can turn the darkest night into the brightest day.

We can make this light shine brighter...by reaching out our hand
To the poor and to the needy... all throughout this land.
Let's combine our lights together into one enormous ray.
This light's a new beginning, shining bright, it's there to light the way.

We can be a light...shining everywhere,
All across America... showing people that we care.
Oh, let your light so shine...helping others find their way.
We can turn the darkest night into the brightest day.

All across America, people reaching out their hand
Bring your light and join our chorus
Everyone shine bright throughout the land.

We can be a light...shining everywhere,
All across America... showing people that we care.
Oh, let your light so shine...helping others find their way.
We can turn the darkest night into the brightest day.

We can be a light...shining everywhere
All across America!

