



Set list in performance
order *with instructions*

STAR SPANGLED BANNER *stand w/hand over heart first. Raise flag w left hand as color guard enters arena. Keep flag still after the pledge and national anthem and until the color guard exits the arena. Flags will be stored in the cup holder in front of student's seat in cup holder.*

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 through 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.

HOPE OF AMERICA *with actions*

CHORUS We're the hope of America.
Where there's hope there's America.
She's the land that we love.
Blessed by heaven 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

Keep the spirit alive with a heart united
Working with each other every day.
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 Abe Lincoln we will say
United we stand, divide we fall
This is our country she needs us all.

REPEAT CHORUS

America! America! America! My own!

UTAH, THIS IS THE PLACE *sing while video is shown*

Utah! People working together.
Utah! What a great place to be.
Blessed from heaven above;
It's a land that we love!
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!

I HAVE A DREAM *sing while video is shown*

"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!

CHORUS 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!"

REPEAT CHORUS

It doesn't really matter the color of our skin
But the content 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.

REPEAT CHORUS

Now's the time for brotherhood. Let's all join hands and sing.
I have a dream!

THE BILL OF RIGHTS *with actions*

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.

CHORUS 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

REPEAT CHORUS

Very short musical interlude for student free-movement

REPEAT CHORUS

ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE *The choir sings the verse
Three times with dance sequences in between.*

All kinds of people came to America to let their freedom ring
All kinds of people came to America It's about them we sing.
All kinds of people came to America and did it on their own
All kinds of people came to America to make this land their home

Dance Segments - Scottish, Mexican, and Asian

REPEAT VERSE

Dance Segments - Eastern European, Greek, Polynesian

REPEAT VERSE

America!

IN AMERICA'S HISTORY *sing while video is shown*

In America's history I see the light of liberty
Patriots who sacrificed to make this country free
Men like George Washington, Patrick Henry, Jefferson,
Paul Revere and Hamilton each wrote their story

CHORUS Our founding fathers gave their all
They left their homes to heed the call
They fought and died so we can be
In a land where all are free

In America's history I see a flag of liberty
O'er the battlefield she waved praying for vict'ry
With the fighting all but done, it was clear which side had won
shining brightly in the sun - there stood Old Glory

REPEAT CHORUS

In America's history there is a place for you and me
For we have the right to choose - be what we want to be
As we follow freedom's light we will stand for what is right
And we'll serve with all our might our God and country

REPEAT CHORUS

In America's history there is a place for you and me
We're a light of liberty

THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE – *with actions. RED and BLUE signs will be held by leaders on the floor. Divide your class by girls and boys or odds and evens – in half, however you'd like. In class, practice standing up w/RED OR BLUE signs. Have ALL students SING both parts. Remind students to keep hands behind their backs for this song when they stand. (Practice with the video.)*

(Red stands) The Declaration of Independence says we hold these truths to be.

(Blue stands) All men are created equal to live in harmony.

(Red) They are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights.

(Blue) That among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

CHORUS *(Everyone – big knee bend then lean, clap, clap)*

The Declaration of Independence in the name, and by authority
Declare that these United Colonies are Free and Independent States
A land of liberty! **(Everyone is seated)**

(Red) It was written by Thomas Jefferson signed on the 4th of July.

(Blue) It declared our independence and told the reasons why.

(Red) In support of this declaration, valiant men, strong and true

(Blue) They bravely pledged their lives, their fortunes,
and their sacred honor too.

CHORUS (tag)

It declared our independence and fought to keep men free!

(watch the directors for a salute on the last beat of the song.)

THIS IS AMERICA *with actions*

This is America. Let freedom ring.
This is America. Everyone sing.
This is America. Land of the brave
This is America.

Protecting liberty day by day.
Do it with dignity all the way.
We'll give our loyalty. It's here to stay
To the land we love – our own USA

CHORUS This is America (America!) Let freedom ring.
This is America (America!) Everyone sing.
This is America (America!) Land of the brave.
This is America.

Protecting liberty. (Liberty!) Day by day.
Do it with dignity (Dignity!) All the way.
We'll give our loyalty (Loyalty!) It's here to stay.
To the land we love – our own USA.

(spoken bridge with "the wave" in the audience)

REPEAT of CHORUS: This is America!

I LOVE AMERICA *sing with video*

I love to see a baby – a mother's 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 & Stripes shining bright – it tells the world we're free.

CHORUS 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!

REPEAT CHORUS

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!
I love America. I love America.
I love America. The homeland of the free!

THANK YOU, MILITARY *Stand with your hand over your heart, flag held up and still throughout the verse in your left hand. Students will do a horizontal "figure 8" with their flag at the phrase "and with our flags a wavin' we'll proudly stand and say." Flags freeze at the word "say." This will happen 3x in the song. Store the flag in the cup holder after the song is over.*

It takes a lot of courage to have to say goodbye
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!

CHORUS Thank you, military. Our country's proud of you.
We are all so grateful for everything you do! (**figure 8 here**)
And with our flags a waving', we'll proudly stand and say
(**flag freezes and is held still for the duration**)
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!

REPEAT CHORUS

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.

REPEAT CHORUS

Thank you, military. We honor you today.

AMERICAN HEROES *sing while video is shown*

Someone cries out for help, and you answer the call.
Courageous hero, you've given your all.
To save someone's life you put yourself in harm's way
And that is the task that you do every day!

CHORUS 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.

REPEAT CHORUS

American heroes, we honor your name!

OUR FLAG – THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE *Jumping up and waving flags on cue as the song lyrics cue them (and only then) for the words “red,” “white,” “blue,” and “stars,” (for selected students from the blue section), and “stripes” (all red and white tee-shirted students). Yellow-shirted students will wave flags throughout the whole song.*

A promise for our future, a reminder of our past.
The flag of the United States, a symbol meant to last.
And when we see it waving. Let’s pledge allegiance to
This symbol of our country – the red, white and blue.

CHORUS Red in our flag it stands for courage
Blue symbolizes loyalty
White is the color unlike all others – it stands for purity
One star for each state in our union
Stripes for the thirteen colonies
Liberty under law it is a symbol of a country that is free

We’re proud to see these colors wave over land and sea
This banner of America says that we are free!
With hearts & hands together, we show our reverence to
This emblem of our country – the red, white, and blue.

REPEAT CHORUS

All our hearts are filled with pride
when the flag goes marching by
This country will always be a land of liberty!

REPEAT CHORUS

AMERICA ROCKS – *with actions and sunglasses*

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 inside out.
From a feeling deep inside that makes me want to shout

CHORUS America Rocks! America Rocks!
From its busy bustling cities to its quiet country walks,
America Rocks.
It’s totally cool, It’s totally hot!
I mean it’s like right there at the top!
America rocks! America rocks! America rocks!

When 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

REPEAT CHORUS

Rocks! Rocks! Rocks! America Rocks!

(Glasses come off at the end. Big rockstar bow and smile.
Store sunglasses in cupholder.)

WE CAN BE A LIGHT *with flashlights. Emphasis on flashlights
COMPLETELY flat on students’ knee to create our desired
effect.*

Wherever there is darkness together we’ll bring light.
Let it shine on all God’s children – shine with all your night.
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

CHORUS. 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 lights a new beginning, shining bright, it’s there to light the way.

REPEAT CHORUS

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

REPEAT CHORUS

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

Links to videos and audio recordings

may be shared with families

for at-home practice.