Classroom Cantatas

Emerson Elementary School

Our Ancestors: Citizenship from Past to Present

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A Cantata written and performed by Ms. Fenwick’s Fourth Grade
Ralph Waldo Emerson Elementary School
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The Nomads Crossed Over
First Thanksgiving
Please, Let Us Come!
The Oath

[Hand-drawn image with illustrations and text]
The Nomads Crossed Over

Words and Music by Joshua DosSantos, Keyana Midi, Isaiah Mitchell, Rashid Orlandy and Adelina/Sasha Riberro
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with Susan Navien, Cantata Singers

The nomads crossed over the Iceland bridge. They followed the mammoths and made new homes. Generations became known as

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Native Americans who spread out across our land.

People crowded on boats to come to America to

have a new life.

They settled in cities like:

Boston, Mass, New Orleans, L A, New York, New York, Phila

del phia, P A, Charleston, S C and Bal-ti-more M D.
First Thanksgiving

Words and Music by DeJohn Parker, Valerie Tejeda
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First Thanksgiving they ate the first turkey. They crossed the shore and said

"No more war!" They asked for peace and harmony and they

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First Thanksgiving

1st time

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asked the village to come and eat.  And a

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Slower

14

big pilgrim feast!

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rit.
Please, Let Us Come!

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Voice

Sadly, quietly

Please let us come to the land

Piano

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—we want to go to! We just want to enter U. S. in freedom!

with freedom. We couldn't enter the U. S. with diseases,
diseases. People got diseases and

couldn't pass inspection at Ellis Island, Ellis Island.

months on a boat with no one to hold. We want to be free. We don't want to be

told what to do. It's like livin' in a zoo. Please let us
come to the land we want to go to! We just want to enter the U. S. in

free dom! with free dom. We could n't enter the U. S. with diseases,

Spoken:

diseases. We want to go to California, Arizona, Michigan,
Please let us come to the land—we want to go to! We want to live with family in New York and Massachusetts. Please let us come to the land—

—we want to go to!
I, declare an oath, that absolutely and entirely take this duty. Because I thought about it, and I want to, Because I thought about it, and I want to.
The Oath

make it real The ceremony's where you belong. So come a long and

Spoken, freely

sing this song I declare an oath, that I

Now Rhythmic

ab-so-lute-ly and entire-ly take this du-ty Because I thought about it, and I

3 times

want to, Because I thought a bout it, and I want to. Because I

thought a bout it and I want to, Because I thought a bout it and I want to, Because I

thought a bout it and I want to, Because I thought about it and I want to.