Emerson Elementary School

The Unique Wonders of the United States: From Postcards to Songs

Composed and Performed by Emerson 4th Grade Classes

Classroom Cantatas

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The Unique Wonders of The United States:
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A cantata written and performed by the Fourth Graders
Ralph Waldo Emerson Elementary School
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Postcards
New England
Florida is the Place to Go
The Midwest
The Southwest
The West
The Great Wonders of the Northeast
Postcards

By Justin Andino, Emanuel Andrade, Tance Butler, Dezshance Dedrick and Esmael Mascarenhas
4th Grade, Ralph Waldo Emerson School
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Not fast (Swing)

Voices

Piano

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Sing twice each time

Trucks, trains, ships and planes, Mail Car-ri-ers bring us post-cards.

3rd Time To Coda

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We wrote a let-ter and

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Postcards

Girls:

stuck on a stamp and sent it to friends far away (away) We

waited and waited for all Fifty States to send us a postcard some

Boys:

day (some day) studied the states and capitols, and our
Postcards traveled to our school. We saw animals, maps and

flash ing lights, mountains and landmarks, too!

Postcards, postcards coming in the mail.
Postcards, you don't know how this makes me feel.
New England

By Adilson Baptista, Lenita Correia, Aaron Hebron, Danny Lopes, Vaneza Monteiro, Vannia Santos
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New England

I can't wait to go!


Skies are grey, bald eagles flying around.
New England

Light houses in Nantucket guide the ships when it's dark.

White houses in Vermont,
Mooses in the water horses jumping around.
Good view from all the mountains. See houses and little people all around. Churches are white and big.

Man, it is fantastic!
Florida Is The Place To Go

By Tayasia Abercrombie, Kenneth Eason, Jasmin Falaise, Dailson Ferreira and Cecilia Pires
Ralph Waldo Emerson School, Roxbury, MA
with Joshua Taylor, Cantata Singers

Flor-i-da is the place to go. It is sunny.

It is funny. You could see a man-a-tee or a fla-min-go.

a little slower, sad

They are smelly, with big bellies. There are lots of hur-ri-
Florida

canes. They bring lots of wind and rain.

beaches sometimes wash away, but there'll be sun another day.

Florida is the place to go.
Florida

It is sunny. It is funny. You could see a manatee or a

flamingo. They are smelly, with big bellies. The

orange and palm trees sway, but LOOK OUT! A coconut might
fall on your head! The Kennedy Space Center has lots to do.

As-tro nauts walk a-round ev-ery-where... And just when we think our

time is through... A rock-et tears through the a - ir! Oh,
Florida

Florida is the place to go. It is sunny.
The Midwest

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Voice

The Midwest the Midwest the mi-mi-mi-mi the Midwest

Choc'late is the best when it's made in the Mid-west. The

Gateway Arch is like a rainbow you can touch. They

make a lot of cheese, but I don't like it very much. You don't?

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The Midwest

stand on two legs, I don't hatch from an egg, I

greet my mother by nuzzling her. "Ah!" I live in an underground town.

Pno.

Finger Snaps
like to bounce, I feed on weeds and seeds, I like to screech.

like a dog, or a baby when it's crying.
The Midwest

Who Are We?! Prai-rie Dogs! _ Prai-rie Dogs!_ Prai-rie Dogs!_ to the

no.

Mid-west the Mid-west the mi-mi-mi-mi the Mid-west

Choc'-late is the best when it's made in the Mid-west. The

Gateway Arch is like a rainbow you can touch. They

make a lot of cheese, but I don't like it very much. Tor

na-does will spin you like a blender! Did you ever see a tornado outside?

If you do, don't talk on the phone, or you'll put your life on the line! The

Mid-west the Mid-west the mi-mi-mi-mi the Mid-west!
The Southwest

By Katia Barbosa, Ronilson Depina, Jose Gonzalez, Rejanari Latimore and Paula Pereira
4th Grade Ralph Waldo Emerson School, Roxbury, MA with Sara Wyse-Wenger, Cantata Singers

Rhythmic \( \frac{d}{3} = 70 \)

Voices

The Southwest has

Piano

Mountains and deserts. It doesn't rain a

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Lot. Creepy animals, tarantulas, snakes,

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Southwest

Boys: "yawn" the word

bugs, and tortoise - Scary, and exciting!

TEXAS

Like riding a horse

Texas has big hills and great plains!

The name of Texas comes from the Cad-do word for "friend."
The American Indians were the first people to live there.

Hernán Cortez "claimed" Texas for Spain! (boo!)

Oklahoma has the most American Indians. Arche-
Southwest

ologists discovered spear points and bones of a mammoth!

ARIZONA

A little slower
(half note ca. 100)

The Grand Canyon is very old,

sometimes hot, sometimes cold.

The Northern
Rim has lots of snow! Wow! I would never expect snow in Arizona! If you go there you would know! The Northern Rim is very tall: If you fall you'll bump your head and you'll be dead. HA! Toroweap is a three-thousand
Southwest

NEW MEXICO

foot cliff that over-looks the Colorado River. New Mexico, you

can’t believe how hot it is there! If you walk around, your

feet start to burn! The mountains are big and dry. There’s a
little bit of water and I don't know how

animals survive in New Mexico!
The West

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Moderato

It is far away from us

And a part of the U.

Voices

Piano

[Sung:] Can you guess? It's the West!

In the

West it is hot in summer but not in Alaska, in Alaska, in Alaska, in Alaska.
The West

las-ka. These are the other western states: There's

The West

oming, [clap, clap] Hawai'i and Colorado. [clap-clap] Montana is the

treasure State, and its treasure is GOLD! Now we'd like to tell

you About a big state in the West. Can you
[Spoken:] a tempo molto rit

guess? California! San Francisco's a city in California. They have earthquakes.

Sing 3x, each time louder
Start with 2 singers, add more each time

Slower

1. p
2. mp
3. mf

The ground shakes, the buildings fall down! (The)

But

al niente

Legato poco piu mosso

Moderato Swinging

af-ter wards, we re-build.

Legato poco piu mosso

Moderato Swinging
West it is hot in summer, but not in Alaska, in Alaska, in Alaska!
The Great Wonders of the Northeast

By Alex Lewis, Denifer Vicente, Janaya Hewitt, Kevin Vilar, Ze Lopes, Ethan Fidalgo
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with Amanda Keil, Cantata Singers

Cheerfully (swing)

The great wonders of the

North east: New York, New York, it's an ex-citing place to be, but it's al-so scar-y. The

streets are ve-ry bus- y.

Phil-a-del phi-a has

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pink and orange sunsets.

It's the town where they wrote the Constitution.

New Hampshire is famous for its covered bridges.

Over rivers that make great reflections.

Vermont is a
The Great Wonders of the Northeast

re-lax-ing place for farm-ing. (sigh!) They have all the

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pump-kins you need for Hall-o-ween! Last, but not least, the

best place to be is Mass-a-chu-setts! Snow ball fights are ex-cit-ing. We
love to drink hot chocolate. Summer means fun in the sun.

Autumn brings beautiful colors. That's why we love all of the

North - - - east!