Emerson Elementary School
Traveling the US
Traveling the US

A Cantata

Written by Ms Timas and Ms Roddy's Grade Two Classes
Ralph Waldo Emerson Elementary School, Roxbury, MA
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LEARNING THE WORLD
I'D LIKE TO BE A LIGHTHOUSE
KENTUCKY
MICHIGAN
SAGUARO
DRIVING MONTANA
Learning the World

Music by Carla, Janine, Ashley, Iara, Romilde and Kevin
Ms Roddy's and Ms Timas' 4th Grades
Emerson Elementary School, Roxbury, MA
with Susan Navien, Cantata Singers

Poem by Kristine O'Connell George

I'm memorizing oceans, tracing rivers,

learning mountain ranges.

I'm memorizing capitals,

tracing countries,

learning crops and industries.

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smoothing out this map, rolling it into a tube, peering through one end wishing it were a telescope, wishing I could see
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past my street, wishing I could see the whole world

spread beneath my feet.
I'd Like to be a Lighthouse

Poem by Rachel Field

Music by Mauro, Lorenzo, Maria, Keira, Vanaeja, Lucevania and Amanda
Ms Roddy's and Ms Timas' 4th Grades
Emerson Elementary School, Roxbury, MA
with Claire Filer, Cantata Singers

Voice

Piano

I'd like to be a lighthouse all
scrubbed and painted white,
I'd like to be a lighthouse and
stay awake all night.
To keep my eye on everything that

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sails my patch of sea, I'd like to be a lighthouse with the
ships all watching me.
Kentucky

Music by Cheyanne, Edileusa, Igor, Janice, Jose, and Melucy
Ms. Roddy’s and Ms. Timas’ 4th Grades
Emerson Elementary School, Roxbury, MA
with Daniel Rosensweig, Cantata Singers

Poem by Lee Bennett Hopkins

Voice
Come on a-long
Be hap-py-go-luck-y.
Come on a-long to

old Kentuck-y Where you can rap ‘Bout Cum-ber-land Gap And watch the blue-grass flow And

think of Boone and the trails he’d blaze And be-hold prized tho-rough-breds as they

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pas-ture graze. Come on a-long Be hap-py-go-luck-y.

Come on a-long to old Ken-tuck-y. Come on a-long to

old Ken-tuck-y. Come on a-long to old Ken-tuck-y.
Michigan

Music by Katia, Alexis, Jason, Joao, Janine and Ze
Ms Roddy’s and Ms Timas’ 4th Grades
Emerson Elementary School, Roxbury, MA
with Sara Wyse-Wenger, Cantata Singers

Poem by Kathryn Allen Ilitch

Dear Cousin, Next time I visit Michigan,

I sure would like to fish again!

It doesn’t matter

on which lake or stream or pond

Make no mistake I

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LOVE to fish! The hooks! The bait! The

(Piano or Percussion)

nets! The fun! I just can't wait! I prom-i-se that I will not squirm

or scream the next time I touch a worm.
Dear Cousin,
Next time I visit Michigan, will you unhook my fish again?
Saguaro

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Music by Clayton, Claudino Erica, Ashley, Nainyel, Luisa and Kaylee  
Ms Roddy's and Ms Timas' 4th Grades  
Emerson Elementary School, Roxbury, MA  
with James Dargan, Cantata Singers

Voice

Piano

stand

still  
grow  
slow  
lift

high

your arms to the sun

stand

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still grow slow lift

high flowers to the sky. stand still grow slow hold tight

your water inside and let your roots spread wide
Driving Montana

Music by Anicia, Jordan, Kevin, Kyssorclay, Romilda and Tatiana, Ms Roddy's and Ms Timas' 4th Grades Emerson Elementary School, Roxbury, MA with Bonnie Gleason, Cantata Singers

Poem by Kris Aro McLeod

Voice

Roll on highway, I'm go-in' some-

Piano

where.

Window open.

lettin' in bright

air of circling sky and mountains beyond, the winding white

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Driving Montana

lines lead me on, lead me on. The winding white lines lead me on.

Over bounding hills, wheat

whirls with joyful wind. My shirt sleeves flap.
Driving Montana

Freedom spins.

Freedom spins.

Freedom spins.

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