Classroom Cantatas

Emerson Elementary School

East to West: United Songs of America

Composed and Performed by Emerson 4th Grade Classes

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A Cantata Written and Performed by the Fourth Graders
Ralph Waldo Emerson Elementary School
Spring, 2007

New Hampshire
Washington DC
Florida
I Wonder About Kansas
New Mexico
We Love You, California
New Hampshire

Words and Music by Lenita Correia, Paola Guzman, Xavier Hardy, Joao Rodrigues, Gilson Teixeira and Melady Vaz, with Kumi Donaghue
Ms Fenwick's and Ms Timas' 4th Grades, Ralph Waldo Emerson Elementary School, Roxbury, MA

Voice

New Hampshire has a

Piano

lot of mountains and trees. And then people gather 'round: it's be-

cause of their colorful leaves. New Hampshire is on the map of New Eng-

land. It's one of a kind. New Hampshire is just a

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New Hampshire

There are flow'rs on the grass; they are blown a-way fast by the breeze.

And some-times peo-ple are al-ler-gic to pol-len, so they sneeze. "Ah-choo!"

It has a lot of wa-ter parks that we don't want to leave be-hind.

We love you, New Hamp-shire; that's all that we can say!
Washington DC

Words and Music by Alla Adam, Alex Docanto, Donizete Fernandes, Deanna Miranda, Monica Nascimento, Anthony Oly and Kirsten Sequeira, with Sara Wyse-Wenger
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Welcome to Washing-ton! (Washing-ton, D. C.)

Come and see the mon-u-ments! (Come with us to D. C.) It's an a-maz-ing ci-ty: horns blow-ing, peo-ple clap-ping!

Money is mint-ed here!

When you come to Wash-ing-ton
Washington DC

you should come and see the Vietnam Memorial. This long wall has names of all the veterans who died in Vietnam... The Secret Service agents protect and escort the President who lives in the White House...

Washington DC is a very cool place and it's the Capital of the United States!
Florida

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Voice: Flor-i-da

Piano:  

10  \( \beta = 50 \)

is The Sun-shine State. Ponce de Le-on had a ni-ice fate. Cape Verde's Sal reminds me of

colla voce

10  \( \beta = 60 \)

Swing quicker

Flo-ri-da's san-dy beach. Jump-in' on the sand and my bed makes them go squeak! squeak!

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Spoken: squeak!

La Florida is like a blooming garden that reminds me of my favorite smell. A fun place, relaxing and beautiful, like the wild flowers of a rainforest.

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\( \beta = 60 \)

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Florida

has many hurricanes. Many places in the South-east have Cherokee names. Whales on the

Swing, quicker

ocean waves ride. When we go there will we see a mermaid or will they hide, hide, hide?
I Wonder About Kansas

Words and Music by Cleber Fernandes, Keila Mendes, Moecha Pires, Emmanuel Mengistab, Andrew Simpson and Nadine Tavares, with Susan Navien; piano with Sara Wyse-Wenger
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Smoothly, thoughtfully \( \text{\( \text{\( \text{\( \text{d} \text{= 54} \text{mp} \end{align} \)} \end{align} \)} \)

I wonder, I wonder how pretty is Kansas?

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<td>Bright sun flow'rs, beautiful lakes, tremendous trees, magnificent rock formations, smoky hills, prairies, breath-taking things you see. I wonder, I wonder who lived in Kansas long ago? How did they live? May-be they loved potatoes!</td>
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word "To-pe-ka," Kansas' capital, means "good place to dig potatoes."

wonder, when Kansas was covered by water, how many creatures swam there?

Excitedly

teeth and bones we find make me wonder how many kinds there were!

wonder how it feels to be in the center of America celebrating Kansas' birthday on
January twentieth, and hearing the beautiful meadow lark!
New Mexico

Words and Music by Jessie Davila, Andrea Depina, Stephan Dias, Ivone Dossantos, Angelica Goncalves, Domingos Lopes and Samuel Rodrigues, with Catherine Hedberg
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Cheerfully \( \textit{d} = 88 \)

Voice

Piano

Deserts are hot! Cactus and flow'rs and all the an-i-mals they got-

Deserts are blaz-ing hot and dry - No wa-ter! With-out wa-ter, the hot-ness

Fries you to a crisp, like french fries. Feel like a ske-le-ton. Feel like a mis-er-a-ble

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New Mexico

Slower $\frac{\text{d} = 60}{\text{puppet with strings.}}$
Rains come down. Cactus drinks the water.

half = dotted half $\frac{\text{d} = 60}{\text{Springs pop up! Sparkling water, blasting up in the air!}}$

Beautiful flowers, pink roses, white, yellow and purple. Flowers smell nice. Without

flowers, we couldn't smell anything. Native Americans are gone.
Smoke, like a pack of wolves.
The sun-set has come, the only time to cool down.

Cheerfully $d=88$

You better leave because the sun will come up and burn you again like hot french fries.
We Love You, California

Words and Music by Natalie Barros, Anthony Docanto, Dajuan Frasier, Agnello Pires, Juleizi Polancemelo, Juralim Veiga and Junior Vicente, with Angela Carr
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We're heading to the states out west and

California is the best! California became the thirty-first state; September ninth eighteen-fifty

was the date. Their red-wood trees are the tallest in the land, and you can see the ocean from the

beaches' golden sand. We love you, California, Du gosta di California, Eu gosto de California. We

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We Love You, California

love you, Cali-for-nia!

San Francis-co earth-quakes are harsh and kind of sc-a-ry, and Death Val-ley, Cali-for-nia is the hot-test, so be wa-ry! "Eu-

re-ka, I've found it!" is the state mo-to. When they found gold, it was like they won the Lot-to.

Don't for-get the gov-er-nor, Arn-old Schwarz-en-eg-ger, he be-came fa-mous for his mo-vie, "Ter-mi-na-tor."
We Love You, California

love you, California! is the state song. We love the Golden State; don't you want to sing along? We

Chorus:

love you, California, Du gosta di California, Eu gostu de California. We love you, California!

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for nia! We for nia!