Composed and Performed by Mendell 3rd Grade Classes

Classroom Cantatas

Mendell Elementary School

Voices of Boston

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a cantata
written and performed by the Third Grade, Ellis Mendell Elementary School, Roxbury, Massachusetts
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Chorale: Our Liberty Song (Ms. Dyka’s Class)
The Mayflower Compact
The Basket Trader
Phillis Wheatley
The Boston Tea Party
The Printer
Concord Monument Hymn

Chorale: Our Liberty Song (Ms. Yong’s & Mr. Whelan’s Classes)
Our Liberty Song (Chorale)
Ms Dyka's Class

Text by John Dickinson
Stanza from "Our Liberty Song," 1768

Music by Ms Dyka's 3rd Grade
Ellis Mendell School, Roxbury, MA

Then join hand in

hand brave Amer-i-cans all.
By u-

rity we stand, by di-vid-ing we fall.

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Our Liberty Song (Chorale)
Ms. Dyka's Class

Slower

12
freedom we're born and in freedom we'll live not as

15
slaves but as freemen our money we'll give.
The Mayflower Compact

Text by William Bradford

Music by Christopher Lara, Joshua Rivera, Jaewon Powell, India Cordero and Kassandra Rodriguez
Ms Dyka’s 3rd Grade, Ellis Mendell School, Roxbury, MA
with Carola Emrich-Fisher, Cantata Singers

We whose names are underwritten

Do solemnly

In the presence of God and one another

Covenant
and combine our selves together and do enact

such just laws As shall be thought for the general good

of the colony.
The Basket Trader

Music by Dulce Bernal, Jefferson Guerrero, Mia Harnett, Samuel Thompson and Larry Wilkins
Ms Dyka's 3rd Grade, Ellis Mendell School, Roxbury, MA
With Emmanuel Espiritu, Cantata Singers Teaching Artist

\[ \text{My baskets are woven of} \]

\[ \text{ash and sweet grass.} \]

\[ \text{Decorated with the sharp quills of porcupines} \]

\[ \text{In the ways of my ancestors.} \]

\[ \text{Sturdy, sweet smelling and} \]

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Graceful, they are beautiful. But I must trade them for knives and the kettles of the colonists. In the ways of my ancestors.
Phillis Wheatley

Voice

Sir, I have taken the freedom to address you in the enclosed poem, and entreat your acceptance.

Piano

Sir, I have taken the freedom to address you in the enclosed poem.
Excited
Wishing you all possible success in the great

cause you are so generously engaged in. I am your most obedient and humble

servant,
Phillis Wheatley.
The Boston Tea Party

Music by Teyah Davis, Theresa Devarieux, Emmanuel Franco, Amanda Ihedioha, Christopher Guerrero and Shawnito Robertson
Ms Yong's Third Grade, Ellis Mendell Elementary School, Roxbury, MA
with Emmanuel Espiritu, Cantata Singers Teaching Artist

Voice

\[ \text{Angry and defiant, we wear our disguises.} \]

Piano

\[ \text{Firmly} \]

\[ \text{Indians in warpaint will unload the tea. Sons of Liberty, hear the cry!} \]

\[ \text{Climb onto the ships,} \]

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Climb on to the ships! And with your axes split the crates!

Dump that British tea into Boston Harbor!

Into Boston Harbor! Angry and defiant!
The Printer

Music by Marcel Edmond, Michael Lewis, Yefany Santiago, Ameille Tresvant and Misheleando Vieux
Ms Yong's 3rd Grade, Ellis Mendell School, Roxbury, MA
with Sonja Tengblad, Cantata Singers Teaching Artist

Voice

Without my work no one knows what's happening

Piano

No one knows what's happening so I often lay the type and print late into the night, night, night. I'm a woman and I

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can't go to meetings  can't go to meetings at Old South

Church but I prepare for them all.

all.
Concord Monument Hymn

Text by Ralph Waldo Emerson
Sung at the completion of the Concord Monument, 1836

Music by Ayanna Baptiste, Jovahn Benitez, Kyle Moorer, Victoria Velez, and Precious Wheeler
Ms Yong's 3rd Grade, Ellis Mendell School, Roxbury, MA
with Carola Emrich-Fisher, Cantata Singers Teaching Artist

Voice

Piano

By the rude bridge that arched the flood
Their flag to April's breeze unfurled

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Here once the embattled farmers stood
And fired the shot heard round the world.
Our Liberty Song (Chorale)
Ms. Yong's Class

Lyrics by John Dickinson, 1768

Music by Ms Yong's and Mr Whelan's 3rd Grades
Ellis Mendell School, Roxbury, MA
with Carola Emrich-Fisher, Cantata Singers Teaching Artist

Then join hand in hand brave Amer-i-cans all. By u-nit-ing we stand, By di-vid-ing we fall. In free-dom we're born, and in free-dom we'll live. Not as

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slaves, but as free-men our money we'll give.