## **American Land**

## **Bruce Springsteen**

What is this land America, so many travel there I'm going now while I'm still young, my darling meet me there Wish me luck my lovely, I'll send for you when I can

And we'll make our home in the American landOver there all the women wear silk and satin to their knees

And children, dear, the sweets, I hear, are growing on the trees

Gold comes rushing out the rivers straight into your hands

When you make your home in the American landThere's diamonds in the sidewalk, the gutters lined in song

Dear, I hear that beer flows through the faucets all night long

There's treasure for the taking, for any hard working man

Who'll make his home in the American landWhoa!Whoa!I docked at Ellis Island in the city of light and spire

I wandered to the valley of red-hot steel and fire

We made the steel that built the cities with the sweat of our two hands

We made our home in the American landGo!

There's diamonds in the sidewalk, the gutters lined in song

Dear, I hear that beer flows through the faucets all night long

There's treasure for the taking, for any hard working man

Who'll make his home in the American landWhoa!

Whoa! Whoa! Whoa! Whoa!

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Come on!The McNicholas, the Posalskis, the Smiths, Zerillis too

The Blacks, the Irish, Italians, the Germans and the Jews

They come across the water a thousand miles from home

With nothing in their bellies but the fire down belowThey died building the railroads, they worked to bones and skin

They died in the fields and factories, names scattered in the wind

They died to get here a hundred years ago, they're still dying now

Their hands that built the country we're always trying to keep outThere's diamonds in the sidewalk, the gutters lined in song

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