

Song for America

Kansas

Virgin land of forest green
Dark and stormy plains
Here all life aboundsSunlit valley, mountain fields
Unseen in the rain
Here all life aboundsNo man rules this land
No human hand
Has soiled this paradise
Waiting patiently
So much to see
So rich in earth's delightsPainted desert, sequined sky
Stars that fill the night
Here all life abounds
Rivers flowing to the sea
Sunshine pure and bright
Here all life aboundsNo man rules this land
No human hand
Has soiled this paradise
Waiting patiently
So much to see
So rich in earth's delightsSo the maiden lies in waiting
For the sails to reach the shore
Land of beauty and abundance
Innocent, you opened wide your doorWanderers found the waiting treasure
Full of gifts beyond their measure
Milk and honey for our pleasureAcross the sea there came a multitude
Sailing ships upon the wave
Filled with the visions of utopia
And the freedom that they craveRavage, plunder, see no wonder
Rape and kill and tear asunder
Chop the forest, plow it underHighways scar the mountainsides
Buildings to the sky
People all around
Houses stand in endless rows
Sea to shining sea
People all aroundSo we rule this land
And here we stand
Upon our paradise
Dreaming of a place
Our weary race

Is ready to arise

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