

# The Liberty Song Project

to be performed spring 2026 for  
the United States' 250 birthday

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This is NOT a requirement.

Instructions:

Rewrite "The Liberty Song," one of the best-known propaganda songs used during the American Revolution.

Start by deciding which words are the most charged? Which words carry power? Which words would you replace?

I've offered suggestions on the second and third pages on which words to replace and how, but make this your own. It can be a positive reflection or a negative reflection (or both) on how you think the last 250 years have gone. The original was about patriotic pride and defeating the British. Make this what you want it to be: commentary, an encouragement, a critique, satire, genuine... For those who would like, we will perform these on a future concert in spring 2026.

Come, join hand in hand, brave Americans all,  
And rouse your bold hearts at fair Liberty's call;  
No tyrannous acts shall suppress your just claim,  
Or stain with dishonor America's name.

*Chorus:*

*In Freedom we're born and in Freedom we'll live.  
Our purses are ready. Steady, friends, steady;  
Not as slaves, but as Freemen our money we'll give.*

Our worthy forefathers, let's give them a cheer,  
To climates unknown did courageously steer;  
Through oceans to deserts for Freedom they came,  
And dying, bequeath'd us their freedom and fame

*(Chorus)*

How sweet are the labors that free men endure,  
that men shall enjoy the sweet profit secure.  
No more sweet labors Americans know,  
If British shall reap what Americans sow.

*(Chorus)*

Come swallow your bumpers, ye Tories, and roar,  
That the sons of fair freedom are hampered once more;  
But know that no cut-throats our spirits can tame,  
Nor a host of oppressors shall smother the flame.

*(Chorus)*

Then join hand in hand, brave Americans all,  
By uniting we stand, by dividing we fall;  
In so righteous a cause let us hope to succeed,  
For heaven approves of each generous deed.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Original</p> <p>Come, join hand in hand, <b>brave</b> Americans all, And rouse your <b>bold</b> hearts at fair <b>Liberty's</b> call; No <b>tyrannous</b> acts shall <b>suppress</b> your <b>just</b> claim, Or stain with <b>dishonor</b> America's name.</p> <p><i>Chorus:</i> In <b>Freedom</b> we're born and in <b>Freedom</b> we'll live. Our <b>purses</b> are ready. Steady, friends, steady; Not as <b>slaves</b>, but as <b>Freemen</b> our <b>money</b> we'll give.</p> <p>Our <b>worthy</b> forefathers, let's give them a <b>cheer</b>, To climates unknown did <b>courageously</b> steer; Through oceans to deserts for <b>Freedom</b> they came, And dying, bequeath'd us their <b>freedom</b> and <b>fame</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Chorus</i></p> <p>How <b>sweet</b> are the <b>labors</b> that <b>free men</b> endure, that <b>men</b> shall enjoy the sweet <b>profit</b> secure. No more sweet labors Americans know, If <b>British</b> shall reap what Americans sow.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Chorus</i></p> <p>Come <b>swallow</b> your <b>bumpers</b>, ye <b>Tories</b>, and roar, That the <b>sons</b> of fair <b>freedom</b> are hampered once more; But know that no <b>cut-throats</b> our spirits can tame, Nor a host of <b>oppressors</b> shall <b>smother</b> the flame.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Chorus</i></p> <p>Then join hand in hand, <b>brave</b> Americans all, By <b>uniting</b> we stand, by <b>dividing</b> we fall; In so <b>righteous</b> a cause let us hope to succeed, For <b>heaven</b> approves of each <b>generous</b> deed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Chorus</i></p>	<p>Come, join hand in hand, ____ Americans all, And rouse your ____ hearts at fair ____'s call No ____ acts shall _____ your ____ claim Or stain with ____ America's name.</p> <p><i>Chorus</i> In ____ we're born and in ____ we'll live Our ____ are ready. Steady, friends, steady; Not as ____, but as ____ our ____ we'll give</p> <p>Our ____ forefathers, let's give them a ____ To climates unknown did _____ steer; Through oceans to deserts for ____ they came And dying, bequeath'd us their ____ and ____</p> <p>How ____ are the ____ that _____ endure that ____ shall enjoy the sweet ____ secure No more sweet labors Americans know if ____ shall reap what Americans sow.</p> <p>Come ____ your ____, ye ____, and roar That the sons of fair _____ are hampered once more But know that no ____ our spirits can tame Nor a host of ____ shall ____ the flame</p> <p>Then join hand in hand, ____ Americans all By ____ we stand, by _____ we fall; In so _____ a cause let us hope to succeed For ____ approves of each ____ deed.</p>
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1. one syllable, describing what you think it means to be "American"
2. one syllable, describing American hearts
3. three syllables, noun that America stands for in your opinion
4. three syllables, negative adjective of current laws being passed
5. two syllables, verb meaning to hold back
6. one syllable, adjective to describe something good America stands for
7. three syllables, noun for the worst thing you can associate with the word America
8. two syllables, noun describing a state of being that most Americans are born into

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9. two syllables, noun describing what most American strive for
10. two syllables, noun, what do Americans have to give?
11. one syllable, noun, plural, negative, someone forced to do something
12. two syllables, noun, plural, positive, someone who wants to do something
13. two syllables, noun, something Americans want to give
14. two syllables, adjective describing the forefathers/ancestors/nations' founders/heritage caretakers (positive or negative) of whatever "America" means to you
15. one syllable, noun, what you'd like to give the forefathers/ancestors/nations' founders/heritage caretakers (positive or negative)
16. four syllables, adverb, describing moral fiber of those who came before and how they approached laying the foundation of what is America today.
17. two syllable, noun, what you believe most Americans strive for, what those who came before strived for
18. two syllables, noun, something those who came before died to make sure we had/passed down to us (positive or negative)
19. one syllable, noun, something those who came before died to make sure we had/passed down to us (positive or negative)
20. one syllable, adjective describing the efforts/actions of Americans
21. two syllables, noun the above adjective is describing, can be what you feel is something "Americans" do, for better or worse.
22. one syllable, adjective describing what type of person benefits the most from "American" ideals
23. one syllable, noun, word for collective group of people (original was "men") that fit no.'s 20-22
24. one syllable, noun, word for collective group of people who are able to enjoy the benefits of being an "American," whatever you see those to be, if any
25. two syllables, noun, something those who live in America enjoy and are secure in (actual or perceived)
26. two syllables, noun, person/people group/ideology/etc. that is harming the best aspect of what you think it means to live in America. And who/what are reaping what hard workers are sowing.
27. two words, two-syllables each, creates an insult in this format: \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_
28. two syllables, noun, someone/thing/representative of something that you believe stands against what is good about living in this country
29. one syllable, noun, person/people group indicating descendant/child/offspring
30. same as no. 6
31. two syllables, noun/adjective describing no. 28 in an insulting/disparaging way
32. three syllables, noun, another word for no. 28
33. two syllables, verb, what the person/persons/thing that you believe stands against what is good about living in this country won't be able to accomplish (they lose) against the "flame" of what is good.
34. one syllable, adjective describing what kind of "Americans" will stand hand in hand against tyranny
35. two words, three syllables each, verbs to fill in: by \_\_\_\_\_ we stand, by \_\_\_\_\_ we fall
36. two syllables, adjective describing the "cause" you believe is essential to thriving in this country, one you hope will succeed
37. two syllables, noun, person/place/idea that is behind what is good about this country
38. three syllables, adjective describing the actions of "Americans" that is approved of by no. 37