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This Land is Your Land ~
Performed by: Neil Young & Crazy Horse ~
Music & Lyrics by: Woody Guthrie ~

On the Atlantic coast of North America were the Original Thirteen Colonies, founded between 1607 and 1773. In 1775, the thirteen colonies revolted in the American Revolution and finally declared their independence from England and the British Crown on July 4th, 1776. That date was marked to go down in history as Independence Day (or Fourth of July). It's the most memorial date in the history of America.

Fourth of July is a federal holiday in the USA. It's also the day that Americans would put their political differences aside, come together and celebrate the freedom for the land that they love, the USA. Favorite July 4th events include family picnics, parades, carnivals, or gathering at the city sponsored events for lots of barbecuing, games, music, and of course, foods and drinks. On this date, the American flags are proudly displayed in almost every big street and many businesses throughout the country. Oh, yes, fireworks, gotta have lots of fireworks, otherwise, it wouldn't be a Fourth of July celebration!

The featured song "This Land is Your Land" is one of American all-time favorite folks songs. It's also a patriotic song and has been named as one of the top 10 favorite Fourth of July songs.

Just a story to share with my AMP friends here. I chose this song to do my special Fourth of July music clip for you because I really like this song for its lyrics, music, and, most of all, it brought back some precious memories of my childhood. It was one of the first songs that one of my teachers taught me. We called her Mrs. Bea. She was very gentle, kind, and oh so patriotic. With the American flag proudly displayed on her desk and in her classroom, she also often would wear really nice and neat T-shirts that were tastefully decorated with the images of either the American flag or the Statue of Liberty.

We would pledge allegiance to the U.S. flag every morning at our school, her voice would always stand out. She sure had a super strong voice for a petite lady in her 70's. My friends and I sometimes would giggle over that, I sometimes would catch her eye, and she would just wink at me and with a big smile, too.

It wasn't hard to make eye contact with our teachers at all because my school was very small--a parochial school, with less than 30 students per grade level.

That's the story of my sweet and patriotic Mrs. Bea from my precious childhood school memories.

Happy Fourth of July, everyone! ~WhiteLibraTexas~

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In this music clip,FREEDOM quotes are streamed throughout the clips. Here they are, in the order of appearance:

1. "Those who desire to give up freedom in order to gain security will not have, nor do they deserve, either one."
~Benjamin Franklin~
One of the Founding Fathers of the U.S., American Statesman, Diplomat, Musician, Scientist, Philosopher, Printer, Writer & Inventor
(1706-1790)

2. "Only our individual faith in freedom can keep us free."
~Dwight David Eisenhower~
American 34th President
(1890-1969)

3. "Everything that is really great and inspiring is created by the individual who can labor in freedom."
~ Albert Einstein~
German born American Physicist
(1879-1955)

4. "Life without liberty is like a body without spirit."
~Kahlil Gibran~
Lebanese born American Philosophical Essayist, Novelist & Poet
(1883-1931)

5. "Liberty is the right to choose. Freedom is the result of the right choice."
~Anonymous~

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THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND

Songwriter: WOODY GUTHRIE

This land is your land This land is my land
From California to the New York island;
From the red wood forest to the Gulf Stream waters
This land was made for you and Me.

As I was walking that ribbon of highway,
I saw above me that endless skyway:
I saw below me that golden valley:
This land was made for you and me.

I've roamed and rambled and I followed my footsteps
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts;
And all around me a voice was sounding:
This land was made for you and me.

When the sun came shining, and I was strolling,
And the wheat fields waving and the dust clouds rolling,
As the fog was lifting a voice was chanting:
This land was made for you and me.

As I went walking I saw a sign there
And on the sign it said "No Trespassing."
But on the other side it didn't say nothing,
That side was made for you and me.

In the shadow of the steeple I saw my people,
By the relief office I seen my people;
As they stood there hungry, I stood there asking
Is this land made for you and me?

Nobody living can ever stop me,
As I go walking that freedom highway;
Nobody living can ever make me turn back
This land was made for you and me.

DEMOGRAPHICS – Census data from 2010 -Wikipedia

American Indian and Alaska natives – originate from North and south America (including Central America) and who maintain tribal affiliation or community attachment.

White People – originate from Europe, Middle East, or North Africa.

Black or African American – originate from any or all of the Black racial groups of Africa

Native Hawaiian nd other Pacific Islander People – originate in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands

Asian people – originate from the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent

As of 2011, Hispanics accounted for 16.7% of the national population, or around 52 million people

Of the nation's total Hispanic or Latino population, 49% (21.5 million) lives in [California](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/California) or [Texas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas). Not counting [Puerto Rico](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puerto_Rico) — which is a Commonwealth of the United States — [New Mexico](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Mexico) is the state with the highest ratio of Hispanics, 44.7%. Next are California and Texas, with 35.9% and 35.6%, respectively.[[60]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hispanic_and_Latino_Americans#cite_note-60)





Percentage of Hispanic or Latino residents by county ([2010 Census data](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2010_United_States_Census))

The overwhelming majority of Mexican Americans are concentrated in the [Southwest](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southwestern_United_States) and the [West Coast](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Coast_of_the_United_States)/[West](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Western_United_States), primarily in [California](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/California), [Texas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Texas), [Arizona](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arizona), [Nevada](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nevada), [New Mexico](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Mexico), [Colorado](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colorado), and [Utah](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Utah). The majority of the Hispanic population in the [Southeast](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southeastern_United_States) and [Great Plains (Plains States)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Plains), concentrated in [Florida](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Florida), are of [Cuban](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cuba) origin; However, the [Mexican](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mexican_American), [Dominican](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dominican_American) and [Puerto Rican](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stateside_Puerto_Ricans) populations have risen significantly in this region since the mid-1990s. The Hispanic population in the [Northeast](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northeastern_United_States), concentrated in [New York](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York), [New Jersey](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Jersey), and Eastern [Pennsylvania](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pennsylvania), is composed mostly of Hispanics of [Dominican](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dominican_American) and [Puerto Rican](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stateside_Puerto_Ricans)origin. The remainder of Hispanics and Latinos may be found throughout the country, though South Americans tend to concentrate on the [East Coast](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/East_Coast_of_the_United_States) and Central Americans on the [West Coast](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West_Coast_of_the_United_States). Nevertheless, since the 1990s, several cities on the East Coast have seen often impressive increases in their Mexican population, namely Miami and Philadelphia.

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