

Spring Concert, 2006

Sugar Hill Stake LDS Choir
Gwinnett Community Band – Ron Brooks

Love of Home

Narrator:

There's no place like home,
Home is where the heart is.
Home - sweet home.
Country roads take me home.

Erma Bombeck said this about home: "The family.
We were a strange little band of characters trudging through life
sharing diseases and toothpaste,
coveting one another's desserts,
hiding shampoo,
borrowing money,
locking each other out of our rooms,
inflicting pain and kissing to heal it in the same instant,
loving, laughing, defending,
and trying to figure out the common thread that bound us all together."

Jane Howard declared : "Call it a clan, call it a network, call it a tribe, call it a family.
Whatever you call it, whoever you are, you need one."

But home isn't only family.
Home is also where we find love, comfort, courage, healing, refuge and rest.
It is our family, but it is also our birthplace, our native land,
our final rest in the grave.

Home is a Special Kind of Feeling (Choir)
For the Beauty of the Earth (Choir)

Narrator:

Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed, to me:
I lift my lamp beside the golden door. –

The New Colossus – Emma Lazarus

Our strength comes from the rich blend of countries that make up our people.
Our musical heritage reflects that sweet mix as well.

Georgia on My Mind (Band)
Ashokan Farewell (Band)
American Folk Rhapsody (Band)

Narrator: In her poem, “Prayer for the Children”, Ina Hughs says,
“We pray for children who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions,
who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money.
And we pray for those who never get dessert,
who have no safe blanket to drag behind them,
who watch their parents watch them die,
who can't find any bread to steal,
who don't have any rooms to clean up,
whose pictures aren't on anybody's dresser,
whose monsters are real.”

Prayer of the Children (Men's Octet)

Love of God

Narrator: Our world struggles with the concept of God.

Many deny the existence of God,

some don't even care enough to wonder about the existence of God.

Fortunately God does not need our permission to exist.

Voltaire said it beautifully when he said:

"I cannot imagine how the clockwork of the universe can exist without a clockmaker."

Pearl Bailey said, "People see God every day, they just don't recognize him."

St. Augustine said: "God is more truly imagined than expressed, and He exists more truly than He is imagined."

He also said: "God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."

"Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9

Victor Hugo wrote: "Have courage for the great sorrows of life and patience for the small ones;

and when you have laboriously accomplished your daily task, go to sleep in peace.

God is awake."

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Child of Promise/I am a Child of God (Choir) (With PowerPoint)

Let There Be Peace on Earth (Band and Choir)

Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands:

Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious. – Psalms 66: 1-2 , and let a little sunshine in your soul.

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (Choir)

Consider the Lilies (Choir)

Sunshine in my Soul (Choir)

Love of Country

Narrator:

At the dedication of the Soldiers National Cemetery in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, Abraham Lincoln delivered 10 sentences, less than 300 words beginning with:

"Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal..

This speech described our civil war not only as a struggle for Union but as a new birth of freedom. He finished with these words:

"We here highly resolve that the dead shall not have died in vain, that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth." Abraham Lincoln

As we struggle keep our country strong and free - despite her many challenges - we gather this day to celebrate her strengths.

Here's to America, cheers to America, mom, baseball and apple pie,
Here's to fireflies, picnics and the fourth of July,

Here's to America, cheers to America, God's grace, brotherhood and liberating strifes.
Here's to voting and politics and our forefather's lives.

Here's to America, cheers to America, from sea to shining sea, for fertile fields, and lowing kine and cobalt skies.

Here's to amber waves, fruited plains and the banner o'er which it all flies.

George M. Cohan Patriotic Fantasy (Choir)

Here's to America, Cheers to America (Choir)

Narrator: "America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination, and unbeatable determination to do the job at hand." Harry S. Truman

America, the Beautiful (Choir and Band)

God Bless America (Choir)

Narrator: "Government is not reason, it is not eloquence, it is force; like fire, a troublesome servant and a fearful master. Never for a moment should it be left to irresponsible action." George Washington.

ON THE MALL MARCH (BAND)

During the playing of the “Armed Forces Salute”, we invite and encourage those who have served or are currently serving or whose family members have served or are serving in the armed forces to stand when they hear their division’s song.

**On the Mall March (Band)
Armed Forces Salute (Band)**

Narrator: As we finish the evening we wish to pay honor to our brothers and sisters who are serving to establish and protect the cause of freedom.

As we pray for their safe return home and for their families who are left behind, let us remember the words of Abraham Lincoln.

“With malice toward none;
with charity for all;
with firmness in the right,
as God gives us to see the right,
let us strive on to finish the work we are in;
to bind up the nation's wounds;
to care for him who shall have borne the battle,
and for his widow,
and his orphan--
to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace,
among ourselves, and with all nations.”

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**Homeward Bound (Choir) (With PowerPoint)
Battle Hymn of the Republic (Choir and Band)**

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