## AMERICA by Neil Diamond, 1980 Stonebridge Music (ASCAP)

## FarWe've been traveling farWithout a homeBut not without a star



Free
Only want to be free
We huddle close
Hang on to a dream

On the boats and on the planes
They're coming to America
Never looking back again
They're coming to America

Home, don't it seem so far away
Oh, we're traveling light today
In the eye of the storm
In the eye of the storm

Home, to a new and a shiny place
Make our bed, and we'll say our grace
Freedom's light burning warm
Freedom's light burning warm

Everywhere around the world
They're coming to America
Every time that flag's unfurled
They're coming to America

Got a dream to take them there
They're coming to America
Got a dream they've come to share
They're coming to America

They're coming to America
They're coming to America
They're coming to America
They're coming to America
Today, today, today, today, today



My country 'tis of thee
*Today*
Sweet land of liberty
*Today*
Of thee I sing
*Today*
Of thee I sing
Today

**Neil Diamond: America, exercises**

1) Listen to this really crappy song while you read the lyrics. (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wTSLRbm8L9E>)

2) Summarize the song.

3) Who speaks?

4) Why do they come to America?

5) What do they expect to find in the U.S.?

 Write down 3-4 important words that classify American values

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5) Interpret:

*Far*

*We’ve been traveling far*

*Without a home*

*But not without a star.*

*Home, don’t it seem so far away´*

*Oh, we’re traveling light today*

*In the eye of the storm*

*In the eye of the storm*

4) Do you believe their dream is realistic or is it just an illusion?

5) Neil Diamond claims that they are coming from everywhere around the world … today today today today today today. Are ‘they’ coming to America today?