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

## Far We've been traveling far Without a home But 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

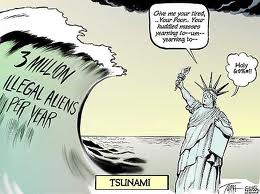
Home, don't it seem so far away  
Oh, we're traveling light today  
In the eye of the storm  
In the eye of the storm

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?