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America, poem, 1920-1962.

# AMERICA

By ABBA HILLEL SILVER

**G**OD built Him a continent of glory and  
filled it with treasures untold;  
He carpeted it with soft-rolling prairies and  
columned it with thundering mountains;  
He studded it with sweet-flowing fountains and  
traced it with long-winding streams;  
He planted it with deep-shadowed forests, and  
filled them with song.

**T**HEN He called unto a thousand peoples  
and summoned the bravest among them.  
They came from the ends of the earth, each  
bearing a gift and a hope.  
The glow of adventure was in their eyes, and  
in their hearts the glory of hope.

**A**ND out of the bounty of earth  
and the labor of men,  
Out of the longing of hearts and the  
prayer of souls,  
Out of the memory of ages and the  
hopes of the world,  
God fashioned a nation in love,  
blessed it with a purpose sublime—  
And called it AMERICA!



## America's Making



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it *America*.

—Rabbi A. H. Silver



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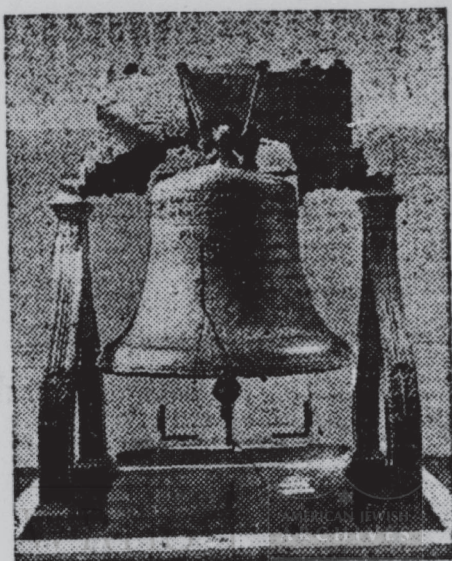
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And called it America!



# Sesqui-Centennial Program

1776

1926



*The Inscription on the Liberty Bell*

PROCLAIM LIBERTY THROUGHOUT THE LAND  
UNTO ALL THE INHABITANTS THEREOF."—  
[Leviticus XXV: 10]

*The Original of the Inscription*

וקראתם דרור בארץ לכל-ישיביה

The Temple Women's Association

**The Temple**

IN MAHLER ALUMNI HALL

Wednesday, October 13th, 1926

at Eight O'clock



## Program

Prelude: "Romance" .....*Jeanjean*

FRANCISCI'S ORCHESTRA

Greeting

MRS. WALTER A. GOLDSMITH  
President of The Temple Women's Association

Introduction

MRS. GEORGE W. FURTH, Chairman

"At Night" .....*Rachmaninoff*

MRS. MARIE SIMMERLINK KRAFT. Mr. Kraft at the Piano

Address: "How We Have Kept Faith With America"

RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER

### TABLEAUX

Interpreting Rabbi Silver's Definition of America

Arranged by Miss Edna Goldsmith

God built Him a continent of glory and filled it with treasures untold; he studded it with sweet flowing fountains and graced it with long, winding streams; he carpeted it with soft, rolling prairies and pillared it with thundering mountains; he graced it with deep shadowed forests and filled them with song.

Then he called unto a thousand peoples and summoned the bravest among them. They came from the ends of the earth, each bearing a gift, and a hope. The glow of adventure was in their eyes and the glory of hope within their souls.

And out of the bounty of the earth and the labors of men, out of the longing of hearts and the prayers of souls, out of the memory of ages and the hopes of the world, God fashioned a nation in love, blessed it with a purpose sublime and called it—America.

ABBA HILLEL SILVER.

"America".....Spoken by MR. ALLAN TARSHISH



# I

"THEY CAME FROM THE ENDS OF THE EARTH, EACH  
BEARING A GIFT AND A HOPE"

## THE GIFTS OF

Vision—The Guiding Angel.....	MISS HANNAH HUEBSCHMAN
Loyalty.....	MISS MARGARET MOSS
Courage.....	MISS DOROTHY KAHN
Industry.....	MRS. FRED C. KELLER
Strength.....	MISS ETHEL HARTMAN
Literature.....	MRS. H. M. PATASKY
Music.....	MISS DOROTHY L. PRENTKE
Art.....	MISS MARGARET SPANYE
Science.....	MISS BETTY COHN

## THE HOPE OF

Justice.....	MISS MARY JANOWITZ
Peace.....	MRS. EDWIN M. JOSEPH
Security.....	MISS JEAN ROSENFELD
Adventure.....	MISS HELENE KORACH
	MISS JANE METZENBAUM
Plenty.....	MISS MARY ANN SLOSS
	MISS MIRIAM WALD

- (a) Zueignung ..... *Richard Strauss*  
 (b) Jean d'Arc ..... *Bemberg*  
 MRS. MARIE SIMMERLINK KRAFT

# II

## THE HOPE OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Reproducing the monument by Moses Ezekiel, erected in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, by the B'nai B'rith and Jews of America, on the occasion of the Centennial of American Independence.

The Republic.....	MRS. ALLAN LITTMAN
Faith.....	MISS JANICE BERGER
Prelude to "David".....	<i>Galli</i>

FRANCISCI'S ORCHESTRA



### III

#### THE GIFT OF JUDAISM

Reproducing "The Synagogue," a medallion by Rose Kohler

The Scroll of the Law.....MISS ALICE T. HAHN  
 The Seven Branched Candlestick.....MISS MARION DEUTSCH  
 The Ten Commandments.....MISS MARJORIE A. POLLOCK  
 The Palm Branch.....MISS CLEMENTINE FLESHEIM  
 The Prayer Book.....MISS LOIS GLICK

(a) Morgen .....Richard Strauss  
 (b) Wiegenlied .....Max Reger  
 (c) Traume .....Richard Wagner

MRS. MARIE SIMMERLINK KRAFT

### IV

#### THE GIFT OF GREAT LOVE

Reproducing a window in The Temple

Motherhood.....MRS. ALBERT E. EINSTEIN

Grand American Fantasy.....Tobani

FRANCISCI'S ORCHESTRA

WRHS

### V



"GOD FASHIONED A NATION IN LOVE, BLESSED  
 IT WITH A PURPOSE SUBLIME, AND CALLED IT  
 —AMERICA.

Reproducing Bartholdi's Statue of Liberty

America.....MISS FRANCES WISE

#### AMERICA

My country, 'tis of thee,  
 Sweet land of liberty,  
 Of thee I sing.  
 Land where my fathers died,  
 Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
 From ev'ry mountain side  
 Let freedom ring.

Our fathers' God, to Thee,  
 Author of liberty,  
 To Thee we sing.  
 Long may our land be bright  
 With freedom's holy light;  
 Protect us by Thy might,  
 Great God, our King!



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hopes of the world,  
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blessed it with a purpose sublime—  
And called it AMERICA!

הנוסח האנגלי של "אמריקה"



50 East College Street  
Alliance, Ohio  
January 30, 1958

Rabbi Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street and Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio

Dear Sir,

In a series of worship services for junior high boys and girls to be published in the International Journal of Religious Education I should like to quote the following:

"God built him a continent of glory and filled it with treasures untold;  
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ing mountains;  
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May I have permission to do so for this purpose?

It appeared on page 138 of the book Worship Ways for Camp by Clarice Bowman (Association Press) and was printed in the April, 1954 issue of Christian Home published by the Methodist Publishing House.

Sincerely yours,

*Luile Desjardins*



January 31, 1958

Miss Lucile Desjardins  
50 East College Street  
Alliance, Ohio

Dear Miss Desjardins:

Replying to your letter of January 30th in which you request permission to publish my AMERICA in a series of worship services for junior high boys and girls in the International Journal of Religious Education, you have my permission.

Please indicate in the publication that the poem is copyright.

I would also call your attention to the correct reading of my name, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver.

Cordially yours,

AHS:sl

ABBA HILLEL SILVER



1715 Cedar Lane  
Nashville, Tenn.  
August 22, 1961


Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
East 105th Street at Ansel Road  
Cleveland 6, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am preparing a book of worship suggestions for young people for publication this winter by Abingdon Press for distribution in Canada and the United States.

I am writing to ask your permission to quote your prose poem, AMERICA. I first found it in a magazine entitled The Christian Home, and have been referred to you by the editor of that magazine. May I use it?

Sincerely yours,

  
Sam S. Barefield



August 25, 1961

Mr. Sam S. Barefield  
1715 Cedar Lane  
Nashville, Tennessee

My dear Mr. Barefield:

You have my permission to quote my "America" in the book of worship which you are preparing for publication. I am enclosing herewith a correct copy of it.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

ABBA HILLEL SILVER

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Enclosure





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RAYMOND P. HAROLD  
PRESIDENT

*November 1, 1961*

*Mr. Raphael D. Silver, President  
Albright Development Corporation  
1124 Superior Building  
Cleveland 14, Ohio*

*Dear Ray:*

*Thank you for sending copies of the poem "America" written  
by your illustrious father. We would like to reprint it in  
our publication "Home Life", a copy of which is enclosed  
for your examination. Please let me know what I should do  
to get permission to do this.*

*It is a beautiful poem and we are extremely proud to have  
prints of it.*

*Cordial best wishes,*

*Sincerely,*

*Joseph T. Benedict  
Vice President*



WHERE YOUR SECURITY COMES FIRST



*O.K. per  
phone conversation  
11/10/61 to Raphael  
Ben May*

*Dad*

*May I tell them that they  
can print  
"America"*

*Pls let me know  
Raphael*



*Azriel Eisenberg*

68-52 Juno Street, Forest Hills 75, New York

Office: 426 West 58th Street, New York 19, New York

August 22, 1962.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver  
The Temple  
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I am preparing an anthology on American Jewish life for the last 300 years, which I am submitting to Thomas Yoseloff, Inc., for publication in 1963. Its title will probably be "Portrait of American Jewry" and its approximate size 400 pages. We do not know yet what the price of the book will be.

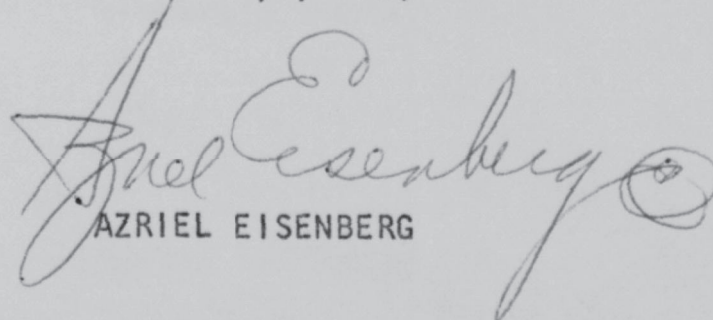
May I have your kind permission to reprint the poem

THE NEW WORLD

I shall, of course, give full acknowledgment to the author, book and publisher.

With heartfelt thanks for your attention to this and your kind cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
AZRIEL EISENBERG



*"America"*

August 27, 1962

My dear Mr. Eisenberg:

I received your letter of August 22nd. I assume that when you refer to my poem "THE NEW WORLD", you have in mind "AMERICA". You have my permission to re-print it with proper acknowledgment. I assume that you have the correct text which I am enclosing herewith.

With all good wishes, I remain



Very cordially yours,

ABRA HILLEL SILVER

AHS:bfm

Mr. Azriel Eisenberg  
426 West 58th Street  
New York 19, New York

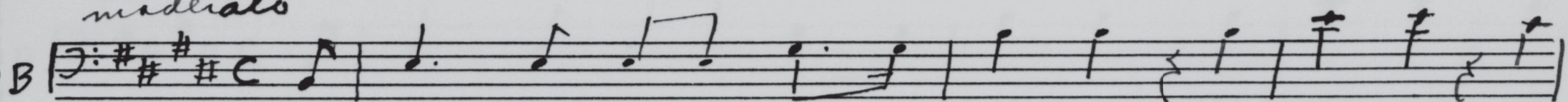


For Dr Silver

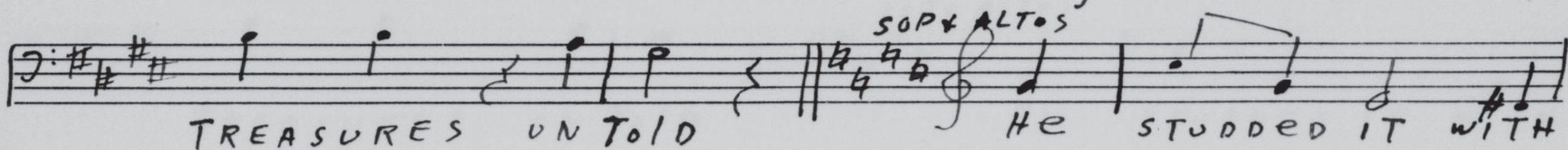
Anna Kamien (Chorus)

Bautone, Soprano, contralto

moderato

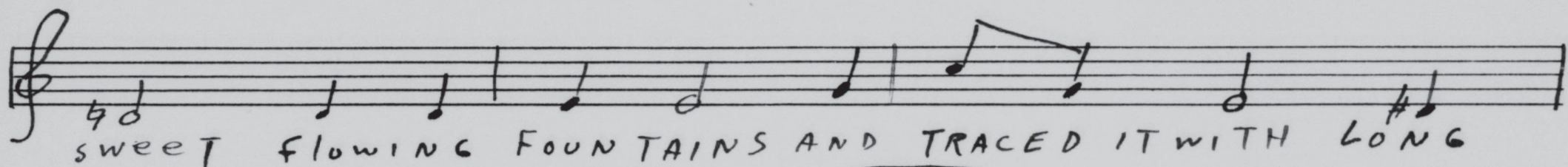


GOD BUILT A CONTINENT OF GLORY AND FILLED IT WITH

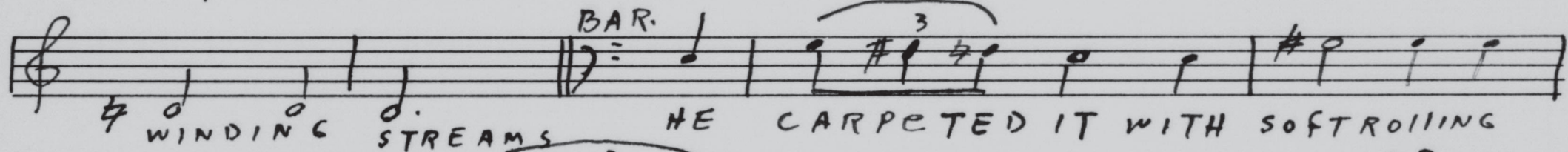


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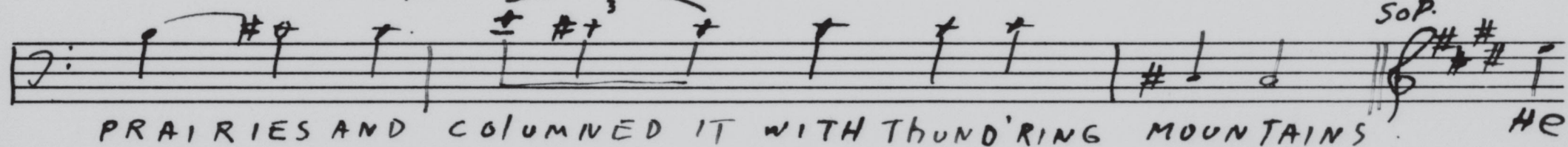


SWEET FLOWING FOUNTAINS AND TRACED IT WITH LONG



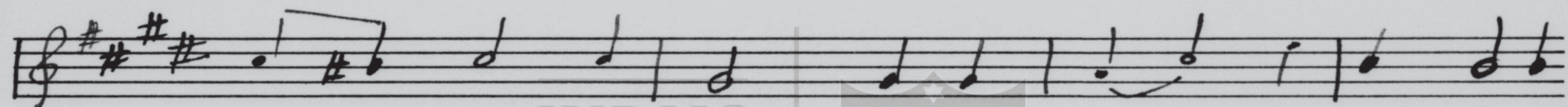
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HE CARPETED IT WITH SOFT ROLLING

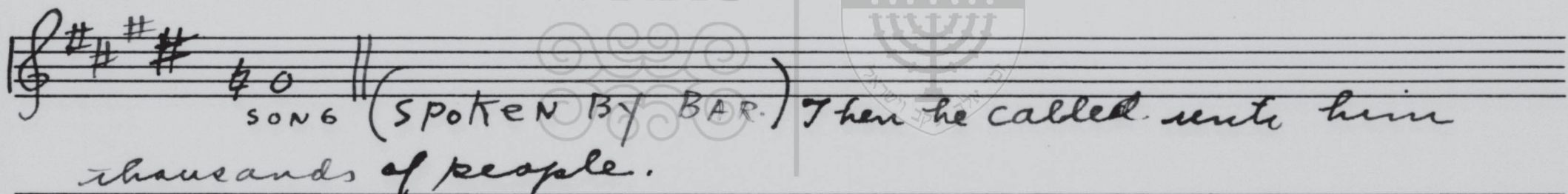


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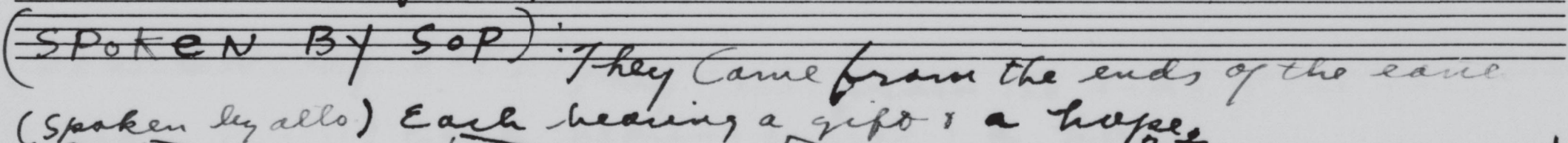
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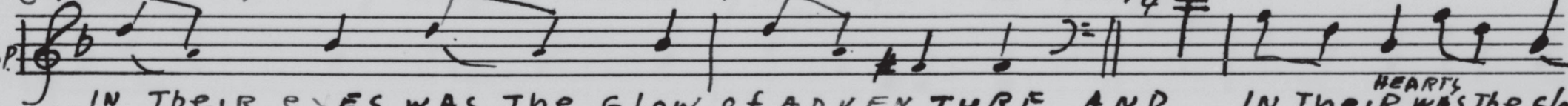
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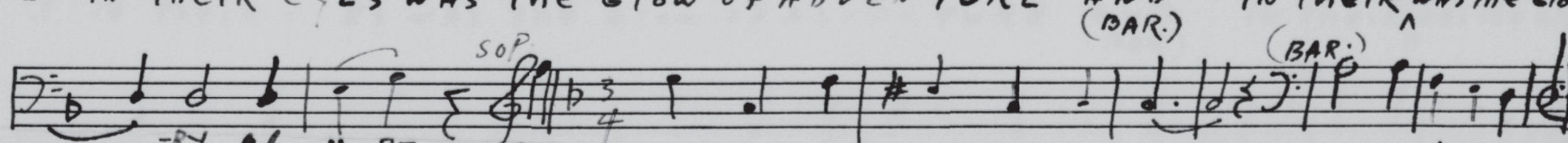
SONG (SPOKEN BY BAR.) THEN HE CALLED SENT HIM THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE.



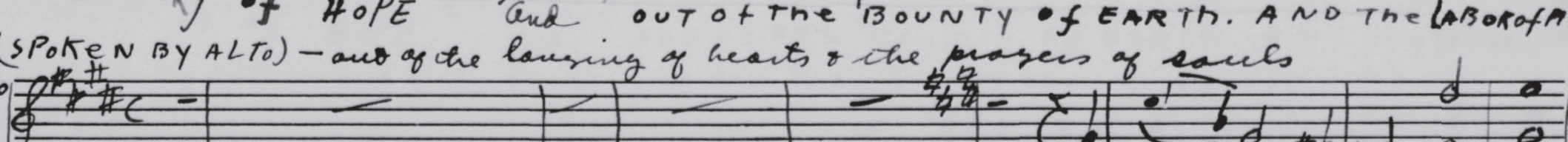
(SPOKEN BY SOP) THEY CAME FROM THE ENDS OF THE EARTH



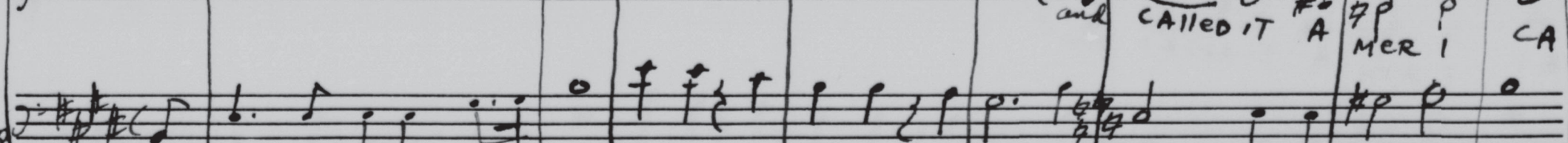
(SPOKEN BY ALTO) EACH BEARING A GIFT & A HOPE



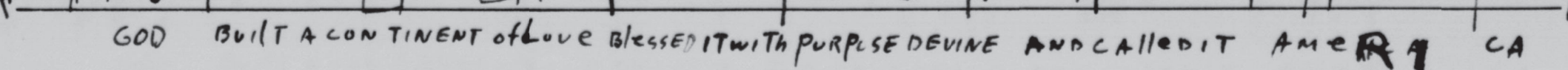
IN THEIR EYES WAS THE GLOW OF ADVENTURE AND IN THEIR HEARTS WAS THE GLOW



OF HOPE AND OUT OF THE BOUNTY OF EARTH. AND THE LABOR OF MAN



(SPOKEN BY ALTO) - and of the lausing of hearts & the prayers of souls



and CALLED IT AMERICA



GOD BUILT A CONTINENT OF LOVE BLESSED IT WITH PURPOSE DIVINE AND CALLED IT AMERICA



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