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WESTERN STAR

"America"

STEPHEN VINCENT BENET



Conceived..Music Researched and Arranged by
EVA JESSYE

Original Adaptation and Narration by
CHARLES H. CAGLE

SPEAKERS

JAMES E. GILBERT, Vice-President, PSU
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Gene Vollen

Sunday, June 21, 1981
McCray Recital Hall
3:00 p.m.

PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

SETTLEMENT IN VIRGINIA
(1607)

PROLOGUE:

Russell Jones, Oboe
Carolann Martin, Piano

NARRATOR:

Charles H. Cagle

THEME: "It's A Sweet Country"

CHARACTERS

DICKON HERON, the Lad ----- Carl Cook

"I SPIED A SHIP COME SAILIN'"

SAILORS ----- Rusty Vallier, Charlton Walker

"OUT ON THE OCEAN SAILIN'"

"MID THE GREEN FIELDS OF VIRGINIA" (Old Folk Tune) --- Janis DeChicchio

SIR THOMAS SMYTH ----- Wallace Clark

"I'VE GOT TO WANDER"

(Fair.....Cacavas...)

Music.....Carolann Martin

"IT'S A SWEET COUNTRY"

"MID THE GREEN FIELDS OF VIRGINIA" (reprise) ----- Janis DeChicchio

BRAVE

INDIANS

SQUAW ----- Karen Brady

SON ----- Scott Lane

DICKON HERON, the Man ----- Bill Gilbert

"MAN IS LITTLE UNDER THIS SKY" (Jessye)

Music.....Carolann Martin

Music.....Choir

"America"

"IT'S A SWEET COUNTRY

EPILOGUE: The years pass by and are gone...the years pass by and we may not tell of them all.

THE STAR -- America

PROLOGUE:

Russell Jones, Bassoon

SPEAKERS

Gene DeGruson
James E. Gilbert

ACCOMPANISTS

Connie Taylor, Organ
Eva Jessye, Piano

Carolann Martin, Piano, Cello
Eunice Walker, Organ, Accordion

LOVE OF GOD AND NATURE:

PRAISE: "How Great Thou Art" (Dance) ----- Karen Mackey
Janis DeChicchio, Soloist

TESTIMONY: "Child of Grace" ----- Vinita Hampton

ADMONITION: "Get on the Main Line" ----- John Porter

ECSTASY: "Trees" ----- Dixie Isaacson

Carolann Martin, Cello

LOVE OF HUMANITY AND JUSTICE:

"The Blue, Blue Earth" (Goreau) ----- Burton Parker
(First Performance)

"So Little Time" (Micki Grant) ----- Bonnie Poulos

JOY OF CELEBRATION:

"The Boatmen's Dance" (Minstrel Song, 1943, Copland) - Burton Parker

"Gum Tree Canoe" (with guitar) ----- Lemuel Sheppard

"The Fisherman" ----- David Lane

"A Regular Man" (An old maid's ultimatum) Joyce Medford, Delma Smith

"Santa Anna" (Mexican Border Chanty) ----- Rusty Vallier

"Blues on the Mississippi" (St. Louis, W. C. Handy)-Lemuel Sheppard

Saxophone solo

LOVE OF COUNTRY:

"I Am An American" (Original) ----- Connie Taylor
Voice and Organ

LOVE OF PEACE AND FREEDOM:

"Singing with a Sword in my Hand"
"Freedom Song" (Jessye)

THE MILITARY

First Lieutenant ----- Ernest Clayton
First Lieutenant ----- Richard Carter
S. Sgt. ----- Robert Collins

ARTIST CHOIR: Barbara Whitten, Bonnie Poulos, Janis DeChicchio,
Delma Smith, Joyce Medford, Vinita Hampton, Dixie Isaacson,
Scott Lane, David Lane, Rusty Vallier, Bill Gilbert, Charlton
Walker III, Kingsley Walker, John Porter, Wallace Clark

NOTES:

"FREEDOM SONG" was the official theme song for a Celebration of
Peace between Russia and America held at Madison Square Garden,
New York City, in 1944, later at the Watergate, Washington, and
in 1963 as the rallying cry by the Eva Jessye Choir at the his-
toric March on Washington, led by Martin Luther King, 1963.

"BLUE, BLUE EARTH" is in manuscript and from the folk-opera, "The
Ballad of Catfoot Grimes", Laurraine Goreau, composer, from the
book of the same title by Hodding Carter.

"SO LITTLE TIME" is from the score "Don't Bother Me, I Can't Cope"
by Micki Grant.

CONNIE TAYLOR (Singer, Composer, Organist) is heard daily over
KOAM-TV, Pittsburg, from 11:30-12:00 noon.

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