

WESTERN STAR

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"America"

STEPHEN VINCENT BENET



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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

