WESTERN STAR

"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:

NARRATOR:

Russell Jones, Oboe

Charles H. Cagle

Carolann Martin, Piano

THEME: "It's A Sweet Country"

<u>CHARACTERS</u>
DICKON HERON, the Lad Carl Cook
SAILORS Rusty Vallier, Charlton Walker "OUT ON THE OCEAN SAILIN'"
"'MID THE GREEN FIELDS OF VIRGINIA" (Old Folk Tune) Janis DeChicchio
STR THOMAS SMYTH Wallace Clark
"I'VE GOT TO WANDER" (FairCacavas)
MusicCarolann 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)
MusicCarolann Martin
MusicChoir "America"

"IT'S A SWEET COUNTRY

The years pass by and are gone...the years pass by and we may EPILOGUE: 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, Accordian

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 ECSTACY: "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 historic 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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