


This Land is Your Land

words and music by Woody Guthrie

This land is your land, this land is my land
From California to the New York island
From the Redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters,
This land was made for you and me

As I was walking that ribbon of highway
I saw above me that endless skyway
I saw below me that golden valley
This land was made for you and me

I roamed and rambled and followed my footsteps
O'er the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts
While all around me, a voice was saying
This land was made for you and me




When the sun came shining and I was strolling
And the wheat fields waving and the dust clouds rolling
As the fog was lifting, a voice was chanting
This land was made for you and me

As I went walking, I saw a sign there
On the sign it said NO TRESPASSING
But on the other side it didn't say nothing
That side was made for you and me!

In the squares of the city, in the shadow of the steeple
In the relief office, I seen my people;
As they stood there hungry I stood there asking,
Is this land made for you and me?

Nobody living can ever stop me
As I go walking that freedom highway
Nobody living can make me turn back
This land was made for you and me



Key

Response to "God Bless America"

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All types of landscapes; entire country belongs to people. Everyone

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alliteration mood - repetition makes you feel welcome and like you belong accepted

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end rhyme beauty of country A perfect America great places that riches belong to everyone

Imagery large group's togetherness

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literally - land figuratively - endless opportunities

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mood waving - makes you feel welcome

personification wheat fields cannot wave (do not have hands) greedy / selfish people. Do not want to share

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clears the sky positive -> negative not allowed here Ironic -> why no trespassing if it was made for everyone?

Man does not want to share his land?

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Questioning / doubting If people are hungry, is that really America?

Ignore negative I will not turn back!

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Highway symbolises freedom and rights to do whatever you want.

We can share and live together.

Overall mood positive, more fun