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OUR SONG

YOUR PENNSYLVANIA SONG

The official state song is *Pennsylvania* written in 1961 by Eddie Khoury and Ronnie Bonner. Songs like *Pennsylvania* include music and lyrics, the words of the song. Lyrics in music are similar to a poem. This song has two verses and a refrain. Verses are sung to the same music, but the lyrics change with each verse. A refrain or chorus is a section of the song that is repeated and keeps the same music and lyrics. Can you spot the verses and refrain in the song *Pennsylvania*?

Pennsylvania

Eddie Khoury &
Ronnie Bonner

1. Penn - syl - va - nia, Penn - syl - va - nia, Migh - ty is your name, Steeped in glo - ry and tra
di - tion, Ob - ject of ac - claim, Where brave men fought the foe of free - dom, Refrain
Tyr - ran - ny de - cied, 'Til the bell of in - de - pen - dence filled the coun - try - side. Penn - syl
va - nia, Penn - syl - va - nia, May your fut - ure be
filled with hon - or e - ver - las - ting as your his - to - ry!

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2. Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania,
Blessed by God's own hand,
Birthplace of a mighty nation,
Keystone of the land.
Where first our country's flag unfolded,
Freedom to proclaim,
May the voices of tomorrow
glorify your name. Refrain

Create your own verse

Try writing lyrics for a new verse for the song *Pennsylvania*. Write 7 new lines that describe your vision of *Pennsylvania* today. Include things that make you think about Pennsylvania. Notice how the original verses rhyme. Be sure to rhyme your new lyrics but keep the refrain the same!

PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania,

Refrain:
Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania,
May your future be filled with honor everlasting
as your history!

Extra Challenge: Try singing your new verse to the melody, or tune, of *Pennsylvania*!