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THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND

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CHORUS

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.

In the square of the city, by the shadow of a steeple
By the relief office, I saw my people.
As they stood there hungry, I stood there whistling
“This land was made for you and me.”

Was a great high wall there, that tried to stop me;
Was a great big sign there, said “Private Prop’ty”
But on the other side, it didn’t say nothin’...
THAT side was made for you and me.

WHEN OUR DEMOCRACY
BECOMES PLUTOCRACY
LACED WITH THEOCRACY
DRENCHED IN HYPOCRISY
WHEN RICH MEN'S DOLLARS
DROWN OUT OUR HOLLERS

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