

## American Waltz

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The sweat of the oxen, the crack of the whip  
The wheels turn slow in the dust  
And with a heart full of hope  
With desire we wrote California or bust

And we danced the American waltz  
It couldn't have happened anywhere else  
We used our muscle and we used our minds  
Building a nation, a dream at a time

A horse made of iron that could outrun the wind  
Roared into the next century  
And as the tracks turned to roads  
And the crude oil flowed  
Through the veins of the great Model T

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We had the courage and we made the machines  
O'er like an eagle we flew  
And not long ago God reached out his hand  
To the man who walked on the moon

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And the dreams roll on  
Through the mothers and fathers and children  
Born on the wings of freedom  
Pass it on, pass it on