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# Betty Wand "America"

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# **ROSALIA**

Puerto Rico,
You lovely island . . .
Island of tropical breezes.
Always the pineapples growing,
Always the coffee blossoms blowing . . .

#### ANITA

Puerto Rico . . .

You ugly island . . .

Island of tropic diseases.

Always the hurricanes blowing,

Always the population growing . . .

And the money owing,

And the babies crying,

And the bullets flying.

I like the island Manhattan.

Smoke on your pipe and put that in!

### **OTHERS**

I like to be in America!
O.K. by me in America!
Ev'rything free in America
For a small fee in America!

# **ROSALIA**

I like the city of San Juan.

# **ANITA**

I know a boat you can get on.

#### **ROSALIA**

Hundreds of flowers in full bloom.

#### **ANITA**

Hundreds of people in each room!

# ALL

Automobile in America, Chromium steel in America, Wire-spoke wheel in America, Very big deal in America!

## **ROSALIA**

I'll drive a Buick through San Juan.

#### **ANITA**

If there's a road you can drive on.

#### **ROSALIA**

I'll give my cousins a free ride.

#### **ANITA**

How you get all of them inside?

## ALL

Immigrant goes to America, Many hellos in America; Nobody knows in America Puerto Rico's in America!

# **ROSALIA**

I'll bring a T.V. to San Juan.

#### **ANITA**

If there a current to turn on!

## **ROSALIA**

I'll give them new washing machine.

#### **ANITA**

What have they got there to keep clean?

# ALL

I like the shores of America! Comfort is yours in America! Knobs on the doors in America, Wall-to-wall floors in America!

#### **ROSALIA**

When I will go back to San Juan.

# **ANITA**

When you will shut up and get gone?

# **ROSALIA**

Everyone there will give big cheer!

# **ANITA**

Everyone there will have moved here!

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