

## Leonard Bernstein

### "America"

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ANITA

Puerto Rico  
My heart's devotion  
Let it sink back in the ocean  
Always the hurricanes blowing  
Always the population growing  
And the money owing  
And the sunlight streaming  
And the natives steaming  
I like the island Manhattan  
Smoke on your pipe  
And put that in!

GIRLS

I like to be in America  
Okay by me in America  
Everything free in America

BERNARDO

For a small fee in America

ANITA

Buying on credit is so nice

BERNARDO

One look at us and they charge twice

ROSALIA

I'll have my own washing machine

INDIO

What will you have though to keep clean?

ANITA

Skyscrapers bloom in America

ROSALIA

Cadillacs zoom in America

TERESITA

Industry boom in America

BOYS  
Twelve in a room in America

ANITA  
Lots of new housing with more space

BERNARDO  
Lots of doors slamming in our face

ANITA  
I'll get a terrace apartment

BERNARDO  
Better get rid of your accent

ANITA  
Life can be bright in America

BOYS  
If you can fight in America

GIRLS  
Life is all right in America

BOYS  
If you're all white in America

GIRLS  
Here you are free and you have pride

BOYS  
Long as you stay on your own side

GIRLS  
Free to be anything you choose

BOYS  
Free to wait tables and shine shoes

BERNARDO  
Everywhere grime in America  
Organized crime in America  
Terrible time in America

ANITA  
You forget I'm in America

BERNARDO  
I think I'll go back to San Juan

ANITA

I know what boat you can get on

BERNARDO

Everyone there will give big cheers

ANITA

Everyone there will have moved here

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