

## **Choristes, Les**

### **"America"**

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Puerto Rico  
My heart's devotion  
Let it slip 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!

I like to be in America  
OK by me in America  
Everything free in America  
For a small fee in America

Buying on credit is so nice  
One look at us and they charge twice  
I'll have my own washing machine  
What will you have, though, to keep clean?

Skyscrapers bloom in America  
Cadillacs zoom in America  
Industry boom in America  
Twelve in a room in America

Lots of new housing with more space  
Lots of doors slamming in our face  
I'll get a terrace apartment  
Better get rid of your accent...

Life can be bright in America  
If you can fight in America  
Life is alright in America  
If you're all white in America

Here you are free and you have pride  
Long as you stay on your own side  
Free to be anything you choose  
Free to wait tables and shine shoes

Everywhere grime in America  
Organised crime in America  
Terrible time in America  
You forget I'm in America!

I think I go back to San Juan  
I know a boat you can get on! Bye bye!  
Everyone there will give big cheer!  
Everyone there will have moved here!

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