

# UTAH...THIS IS THE PLACE

(THE STATE SONG OF UTAH)

**Words- Sam Francis, Gary Francis**

**Music- Gary Francis**

Utah! People working together  
Utah! What a great place to be.  
Blessed from Heaven above.  
It's the land that we love.  
This is the place!

Utah! With its mountains and valleys.  
Utah! With its canyons and streams.  
You can go anywhere.  
But there's none that compare.  
This is the place!

It was Brigham Young who led the pioneers across  
the plains.  
They suffered with the trials they had to face.  
With faith they kept on going till they reached the  
Great Salt Lake  
Here they heard the words..."THIS IS THE PLACE!"

Utah! With its focus on family,  
Utah! Helps each child to succeed.  
People care how they live.  
Each has so much to give.  
This is the place!

Utah! Getting bigger and better.  
Utah! Always leading the way.  
New technology's here...  
Growing faster each year.  
This is the place!

There is beauty in the snow-capped mountains, in  
the lakes and streams.  
There are valleys filled with farms and orchards too.  
The spirit of its people shows in everything they do.  
Utah is the place where dreams come true.

Utah! With its pioneer spirit.  
Utah! What a great legacy!  
Blessed from Heaven above.  
It's the land that we love.  
This is the place!

Utah! Utah! Utah!  
THIS IS THE PLACE!



# UTAH INDIANS

**Words- Sam Francis**

**Music- Sam Cardon**

When white men came to Utah  
The Indian tribes were here.  
They gathered seeds from grasses,  
Caught fish and hunted deer.

Lived in wicki-ups and tepees,  
Caves and hogans too.  
They made pots and baskets  
Each had a job to do.

The Utes, Paiutes, and Gosiutes,  
Shoshones, Navajos.  
The Indian tribes of Utah  
That lived here long ago.  
Throughout the mountain valleys  
They lived and hunted game.  
The Ute tribe is where Utah got its name.

The Gosiutes lived on desert land,  
Ate food of every kind.  
Some insects and rabbits,  
Whatever they could find.  
The other Indians planted crops  
Which helped keep them alive.  
A lot of beans and corn was eaten by the tribe.

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Worshiped different things.  
The air, the wind, the thunder,  
And even lightening.  
Believed in the Great Spirit  
To whom the tribe would pray  
For strength to overcome  
The trials they faced each day.

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# THE FIRST WHITE MEN IN UTAH

**Words- Sam Francis & Gary Francis**

**Music- Sam Cardon**

Spanish explorers searched to find a way  
From Santa Fe, New Mexico...  
On to California at Monterey.  
They traveled through Utah  
With mountain streams so clear,  
Impressed with what they saw...  
All the natural beauty that was here.

They explored each new horizon  
Kept on going every day  
Went through Utah on their way  
Didn't stop and couldn't stay  
In their search for Monterey.

Father Escalante & Father Domenguez  
Led the expedition...  
They tried to find a way to Monterey.  
Kept records and journals...  
Drew maps of the terrain,  
They said of Utah Valley...  
"It's the most beautiful...in New Spain"

They explored each new horizon  
Kept on going every day  
Went through Utah on their way  
Didn't stop and couldn't stay  
In their search for Monterey.

They loved the lakes and mountains,  
Fished along the shores.  
Made friends with all the Indians  
Continued on once more...To Monterey.  
But winter came early and stopped them in their tracks  
Couldn't get to Monterey...they had to travel back  
To Santa Fe.

They explored each new horizon  
Kept on going every day  
Went through Utah on their way  
Couldn't get to Monterey  
And went back to Santa Fe!



# FUR TRADERS AND TRAPPERS

**Words- Sam Francis**

**Music- Sam Cardon**

In eighteen hundred beaver hats  
Were worn throughout the land.  
In Paris, London and New York  
The pelts were in demand.  
So men were sent out west  
To trap and trade for lots of fur.  
In the Rocky Mountain streams.  
That's where the beaver were.

Fur traders and trappers were known as mountain men.  
Blazed the trail in Utah where no one else had been.  
They paved the way for others to come and settle here.  
Those who followed in their tracks...the Mormon Pioneer.

Jim Bridger, Jedediah Smith,  
Peter Ogden and Provost,  
Are a few of these mountain men  
That each of us should know.  
Explored the Rocky Mountains,  
Then returned back home again  
With lots of furs and stories  
Of places they had been.

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# UTAH PIONEERS

**Words- Sam Francis, Gary Francis**

**Music- Gaye Gibbs**

Mormon pioneers came across the plains.  
Bought what they could carry...and came in  
wagon trains.  
They suffered trials, so many hardships too.  
And some would die before the journey's through.

Pioneers, pioneers  
We're grateful for courageous pioneers.  
They blazed the trail for others  
'Cross a desolate frontier.  
We're grateful for the Utah pioneers.

Through rugged mountains and desert sand  
They pushed forward...to their promised land.  
The wagons stopped near the Great Salt Lake,  
And Brigham Young said that this was the place!

Pioneers, pioneers  
We're grateful for courageous pioneers.  
They blazed the trail for others  
'Cross a desolate frontier.  
We're grateful for the Utah pioneers.

The Mormons built a place where they could stay  
Safe from the mobs who had chased them away.  
And soon came other religions too.  
Catholics, Protestants, Buddhists, and Jews.

Pioneers, pioneers  
We're grateful for courageous pioneers.  
They blazed the trail for others  
'Cross a desolate frontier.  
We're grateful for the Utah pioneers.

Utah pioneers...courageous and strong  
Left to us a legacy to build upon.  
And with hard work they strived to do their best,  
Making Salt Lake City the crossroads of the West

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# IRON WHEELS A ROLLIN'

**Words- Sam Francis**

**Music- Gaye Gibbs**

A great event that took place in our history  
Was the building of the railroad tracks  
From sea to shining sea.  
The Union Pacific from the East  
And the Central from the West...  
Racin' toward each other to prove which one was best.

Iron wheels a rollin' down the new built track.  
Each train kept on goin'... no thought of turning' back.  
A lot of tired workers layin' rails along the line  
Met at Promontory Point in eighteen sixty nine.

The goin' wasn't easy there were mountains to go through.  
With solid rock to blast away...had to build some bridges too.  
Across the rollin' prairie they struggled hard each day  
And finally came together...was on the 10th of May.

Iron wheels a rollin' down the new built track.  
Each train kept on goin'... no thought of turning' back.  
A lot of tired workers layin' rails along the line  
Met at Promontory Point in eighteen sixty nine.

Was quite a celebration...what a noise the crowd all made  
When they drove the golden spike and the final track was laid.  
Transcontinental railroad joined the East and West as one.  
With the "wedding of the rails" a new age had begun.

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Each train kept on goin'... no thought of turning' back.  
A lot of tired workers layin' rails along the line  
Met at Promontory Point in eighteen sixty nine.  
They met a Promontory Point in eighteen sixty nine!



# LOOKING BACK

**Words- Sam Francis & Gary Francis**

**Music- Gaye Gibbs**

Looking back, looking back at Utah's history  
There's been a lot of changes for you and me to see.  
First there were the Indians , then came some  
trappers too...  
Followed by the pioneers, and the population grew.

We've come a long way since yesterday  
And tomorrow we will see  
A bright new day that's filled with hope  
And opportunity.  
We've come a long way since yesterday  
Our future depends on you and me!  
Let's make each and every day  
The best that it can be.

Looking back, looking back at Utah's history  
The people were industrious...as busy as a bee.  
They mined for coal and copper, and other  
minerals too.  
They farmed and manufactured goods...  
Was work for all to do.

We've come a long way since yesterday  
And tomorrow we will see  
A bright new day that's filled with hope  
And opportunity.  
We've come a long way since yesterday  
Our future depends on you and me!  
Let's make each and every day  
The best that it can be.

Looking back, looking back at Utah's early schools  
Children learned to read and write  
And to follow rules.  
Brigham Young made sure that books  
Were brought with them out West  
Wanted children to grow up and do their very best.

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Our future depends on you and me!  
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# THE 29 COUNTIES OF UTAH

**Words- Sam Francis**

**Music- Greg Hansen**

There are twenty nine counties in Utah State  
We are able to count each one.  
Learning them all while singing  
Is easy and also fun.

Box Elder, Beaver...start with letter B.  
Cache County and Carbon...start with the letter C.  
Daggett and Davis and Duchesne...start with the letter D.  
But the county known as Emery...is the only E.

There are twenty nine counties in Utah State.  
There's Garfield and Grand and more.  
Next we come to Iron...named for the iron ore.

Juab and Kane...Millard we all know.  
Morgan and Piute, followed then by Rich.  
Salt Lake, San Juan, Sanpete, Sevier  
Summit...then Tooele's next.  
And the county known as Uintah...  
We'll add to our list.

There are twenty nine counties in Utah State.  
Only five more and we'll be through.  
Utah, Wasatch, Washington...Wayne and Weber too.  
All of the counties we have named for you.  
Singing the counties is lots of fun to do.  
Twenty-nine counties...some big and small  
Now...for our favorite one...the county known as \_\_\_\_\_  
Is the best of all!





# THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE UTAH

**Words- Sam Francis**

**Music- Gaye Gibbs**

There's no place like the state of Utah.  
No place I would rather be.  
The flowing streams and meadows green,  
Mountains as far as you can see.  
National Parks are here in Utah.  
Great scenery we can view.  
At Capitol Reef and Canyon Lands,  
Zion, Bryce, and Arches too.

Utah...There's no place like Utah!  
Life is great in Utah  
Just travel through the state and you will see.  
Utah...there's no place like Utah!  
Life is great in Utah...It's the only place...  
The one and only place for me!

We are growing fast in Utah  
With new industry.  
Firms are moving here to Utah  
Bringing lots of new technology.  
The work force here in Utah  
Take pride in what they do.  
Well known for high standards  
Good schools and teachers too.

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There's no place like the state of Utah.  
No place I would rather be.  
The Tabernacle Choir, the Jazz, and the Bees  
And the Utah Symphony.  
In summer we go camping...our snow is great to ski.  
For sports and recreation... it's the place I want to be!

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