

**THE COMPASS (2:31)**

**Words and Music- Sam Francis**

Back in time a thousand years  
People didn't travel far.  
Got directions from the sun...  
Or a familiar star.  
When the weather became cloudy  
It would hide the light both night and day.  
Without some landmarks to guide them,  
Ships at sea just couldn't find their way.

**CHORUS**

The compass was invented  
Navigation came to be.  
Now there was a simple way  
To guide the ships at sea.  
On a piece of cork  
In a water tray.  
Magnetic piece of iron  
Pointing northward...showed the way.

Compass, its simplicity  
Has changed our history.  
All the sailors now would know  
Directions they could go.  
New lands and countries discovered  
As brave men explored the new frontier.  
It was the compass that led them.  
The 'age of discovery' was here!

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**2 CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS (3:59)**

**Words- Sam Francis**

**Music- Gaye Gibbs**

Christopher Columbus, with three ships and crew,  
Discovered America in fourteen ninety-two.  
Ferdinand and Isabella, the Rulers of Spain  
Financed the journey...with hope of wealth and fame.

**CHORUS**

Christopher Columbus, Admiral of the sea...  
Sailed west to the Indies...made a great discovery.  
A new continent...which came to be  
This land of America, land of America,  
Home for you and me!

With compass to guide them, they sailed Westerly.  
Courageous men ventured into unknown seas.  
Thirty-three days they traveled...imagine their joy  
When a watchful sailor...shouted, "There's Land Ahoy!

**CHORUS (Repeat twice)**

## **3 JAMESTOWN, VIRGINIA**

**(2:23)**

**Words- Sam Francis  
Music- Gaye Gibbs**

**King James, the 1<sup>st</sup>...granted a Charter  
For the Virginia Company.  
To settle, explore, ...and then to govern  
A new settlement across the sea.**

### **CHORUS**

**Jamestown, Virginia....our first English Colony  
Was settled in 1607....Jamestown, Virginia  
The roots of democracy...  
The First Representative Government...  
Gave men rights and liberty!**

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Captian John Smith and Pocahontas  
Both the kind of friends we all shoud be  
The color of their skin did not matter..  
Concern for the others.. saved the colony!

CHORUS



## ***The Pilgrims (2:46)***

Words and Music - Sam Francis

The Mayflower sailed in 1620  
Came to the New World 'cross the sea.  
On board were Pilgrims... searching for a place  
Where they could raise their family.  
One hundred and two were passengers  
Each one desiring to be free.  
They landed in Massachusetts...  
And started the Plymouth Colony.

### CHORUS

The Pilgrims had found a place of refuge  
Where they could worship as they please.  
To give thanks for a plentiful harvest...  
They held a feast... and that is how...  
Our Thanksgiving came to be!

The Pilgrims learned from the Indians  
How to hunt wild turkey and deer.  
They learned to fish and to plant corn,  
Had food to eat throughout the year.  
And with a plentiful harvest  
They gave thanks in a special way.  
Had a feast and ate the turkey.  
It was the first Thanksgiving Day!

### CHORUS

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The pilgrims and Indians together..  
sharing food and friendship without fear.  
Thanksgiving has since become a holiday  
One that we celebrate each year!