Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest tossed to me,
I

\( \text{Voice} \)
\( \text{Acoustic Guitar} \)
\( \text{A. Gtr.} \)
\( \text{A. Gtr.} \)
\( \text{A. Gtr.} \)
Voice

lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

A. Gtr.

Not

rit.

q = 90 straight

26

G7

C

Voice

like the brazen giant of Greek fame,

A. Gtr.

With

32

C

V o i c e

conquering limbs a-stride from land to land;

A. Gtr.

Here

34

Am

V o i c e

on our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand

A. Gtr.

A mighty

36

F

Voice

woman with a torch, whose flame

A. Gtr.

is the imprisoned lightning and her

38

G

C
Voice

name Mo-ther of Ex-i-les. From her bea-con hand Glows

A. Gtr.

world-wide wel-come; her mild eyes com-mand The air-bridged har-bor that twin ci-ties

F

A. Gtr.

frame. "Oh keep, an-cient lands your stor-ied pomp!” cries she with si- lent lips.

C

Am

Em

D7

A. Gtr.

=115 triplet swing

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I lift my lamp beside the golden door!
The New Colossus, a sonnet written by Emma Lazarus in 1883, is engraved on a bronze plaque inside the Statue of Liberty. The title of her poem and the first two lines refer to the Colossus of Rhodes, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, sometimes described as standing astride the entrance to its harbor. Not like the "conquering" statue of Rhodes, Lazarus' Statue of Liberty is seen as welcoming.

Lazarus' poem envisioning the Statue of Liberty as the greeter of immigrants catalized the statue's purpose, turning her into "a welcoming mother, a symbol of hope to the outcasts and downtrodden of the world."

I have set Lazarus' poem to music to remind us of America's centuries-long heritage of inclusion and openness to immigrants. After all, every one of us is an immigrant or a child of immigrants. Immigrants and their children are what made America great in the first place. Our generosity of spirit and good will to mankind is what continues to make America great.

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