

In the poem "I Hear America Singing," Whitman celebrates the diversity of American life. He focuses on the individuality of the American people. This poem is a list poem—Whitman lists or catalogues the people he hears "singing."

- Write your own version of this poem using the name of your high school or town as your inspiration.
- or*
- Write an updated version of this poem. How has America changed? What new jobs and roles do people have?

I Hear _____ Singing

I hear _____ singing, the varied carols I hear,

Those of _____, each one singing _____ as it
should be _____ and _____,

The _____ singing his as he _____ his
_____ or _____,

The _____ singing his as he makes ready for
_____, or leaves off _____,

The _____ singing what belongs to him in his
_____, the _____ singing on the _____,

The _____ singing as he sits on his _____,
the _____ singing as he _____,

The _____ song, the _____'s on his way
in the _____, or at _____ or at _____,

The _____ singing of the _____, or of the young
_____ at _____, or of the _____
or _____,

Each singing what belongs to him or her and to none else,

The _____ what belongs to the _____--
at _____ the _____ of _____, _____,

Singing with open mouths their strong melodious songs.