

Indigo Girls, Always Be There

"American Tune" is a Paul Simon song. The girls have been performing it since at least 1985. A live version of it appears on the (promo-only) "Reverse 1" CD, and another on the (commercially available, but kinda hard to find) "Ben and Jerry's Newport Folk Festival '90" CD.

Many is the time I've been mistaken
And many times confused
Yes, and I've often felt forsaken
And certainly misused.
Oh, but I'm all right, I'm all right
I'm just weary to my bones
Still, you don't expect to be bright and bon vivant
So far away from home - so far away from home.
I don't know a soul who's not been battered
I don't have a friend who feels at ease
I don't know a dream that's not been shattered
Or driven to it's knees
Oh, but it's all right, it's all right
We've lived so well, so long
Still, when I think of the road we're travelling on
I wonder what's gone wrong
I can't help it, I wonder what's gone wrong.
And I dreamed I was dying
Dreamed that my soul rose unexpectedly
And looking back down at me
Smiled reassuringly
And I dreamed I was flying
And high up above, my eyes could clearly see
The Statue of Liberty sailing away to sea
And I dreamed I was dying.
Oh, we come on a ship they called the Mayflower
We come on a ship that sailed the moon
We come in the age's most uncertain hour
And sing an American tune
Oh, oh, but it's all right - it's all right, it's all right
You can't be forever blessed
Still, tomorrow's going to be another working day
And I'm trying to get some rest
That's all I'm trying - to get some rest.