

**AzACDA One Voice Arizona**  
**Virtual Choir Project**

*America, the Beautiful - Traditional*

## **Instructions**

**1) Download the sheet music and audio track by [clicking here](#):**

- a) Note: On the audio track there is a four bar piano introduction.

**2) Practice singing along with the track**

- a) While the song doesn't *have* to be memorized, it would be best if your eyes stayed on the camera and not looking down at your music.

**3) Prepare to record your video**

- a) You will need two devices: one to play the audio track and one to record your video. (Headphones or earbuds will be needed)
- b) Make sure your video recording settings are at 720p 30fps (iPhones) or VGA 640x480 (4:3) for Android
- c) You will need to stand about 10-12" in front of a white or light neutral colored wall, and place the camera about 40" in front of you.
- d) The camera should be at eye level or slightly above and angle the camera down a bit (to give a nice perspective), and should capture your body from the diaphragm up.
- e) Put your camera position in landscape mode (horizontal), not portrait mode (vertical).
- f) Make sure your face is well lit, nice and bright, and that there are no lights behind you.
- g) For best results, use the camera on the back of your phone, not the front facing camera.

- h) You should wear nice casual clothes with a solid color top. No pictures, words, or logos should be seen.
- i) Make sure the room is quiet (especially avoid fans and air conditioners/heaters). No reverb, echo, or other effects. Avoid page turns.

#### **4) Record your video**

- a) Start recording with your video camera
- b) On your other device, start the audio playback track
  - i) Again, there will be a 3 second tone, followed by 8 seconds of silence before the track begins. We need to hear this tone on YOUR recording so we can line up the tracks easier.
- c) During the 5 second silence - let your head fall to your chest and raise just before you start singing (approximately :25 for Sopranos/Altos, 1:00 for Tenors, 1:10 for Bases)
- d) Sing along with the recording using your normal healthy singing voice.
- e) Please be as expressive as you can with your face
- f) At the end of the song, maintain eye contact with the camera, and with a pleasant demeanor (smile with your mouth *and* eyes) for at least five seconds.
- g) Please record full takes only - do not try to cut and splice videos together.

#### **5) Upload your video**

- a) Fill out the following google form and upload your video file:

<https://forms.gle/wGgserrmmQLhwxHC8>

# **YOU ARE ALL DONE!!!!**