# We Haven't Discovered

# America Yet

for SATB Chorus, Solo Voice and Piano with optional guitars, tambourines and string bass Music and Lyrics by

## **Don Tucker**

### **Choral Arrangement by Bruce Trinkley**

We hopped a barge on the Erie Canal and New York floated by, We breathed the early morning mist, beneath a lemon sky, And tried our luck at a Sunday clam bake with nice folk that we met, But we haven't discovered America yet.

#### Chorus

Train, train, move along, make the road bed sing, Truck, truck, trucking by, jet plane do your thing, Highway, country road, showing us the way To see the U. S. A.

We steamed up wake on an old paddle wheel, by Mississippi clay, And heard the captain's tale about the one that got away, Had brandywine and a jumbalie stew, caught crayfish in a net, But we haven't discovered America yet.

#### Chorus

We took a train from an Iowa town, a-pulling forty cars, And saw the moonlit fields of wheat beneath a million stars. The black-eyed peas and potato pancakes I don't think we'll forget, But we haven't discovered America yet.

Chorus

We rode a bus down the Barbary Coast, where sailors put to sea, And tasted California wine, from sauterne to chablis. We've seen a lot of country this year, with nothing to regret, But we haven't discovered America yet.

#### Chorus

To celebrate the nation's Bicentennial in 1976, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania presented a Conestoga wagon to each of the 50 states. These wagons became the lead wagons of 5 Wagon Trains which crossed the United States converging on Valley Forge, PA on July 4, 1976. Each Wagon Train travelled approximately 20 miles a day and had a performing group that presented an evening show at each encampment along the way. *We Haven't Discovered America Yet* was the traveling song of these performances and conveyed the joy and excitement of the performers as they traveled across the country.

**Optional Spoken Introduction to the song:** 

You know, before we joined the Wagon Train, some of us had never been west of the Mississippi. We'd spent all of our time in school, reading about the world in books. We'd always dreamed about seeing the country, but now that we're finally doing it, there's just too much to take it all in!

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From the Bicentennial Wagon Train Show (1976)

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