

This Land Needs Honest History

Tune: This Land is Your Land

Original lyrics by Woody Guthrie, tune: traditional gospel

RG lyrics by Kathy Miner, Raging Grannies of Madison WI Area

The founding **fathers**, they all were **white** guys
There were so **many things** they didn't re-a-lize
They wrote some **noble words** but didn't **measure up**
This land needs honest history!

CHORUS: This land is **your** land, this land is **our** land
And to **preserve** it, we will need **every** hand --
From waves of **immigrants** to those who **came** in chains
This land needs honest history!

We must not **whitewash** our nation's story
We have to **own both** / the sin and glory
All of our **hist'ry books** must tell unvarnished truth
This land needs honest history!

CHORUS

This land was **Native land**, before the **colonists**
Came **to her shores and** refused to **coexist**
They shipped in **Africans** to buy and **se-ell** them,
That is our **honest history!**

CHORUS

Over at **Fox TV** / Tucker **Carlson**
Tried to **palm off** an insurrection
As if those **vi'lent thugs** were peaceful **protesters**
That is **not** / honest history!

CHORUS

We need to **celebrate** this country's **best** ideals
While we **acknowledge** the ways that **we** have failed
We'll teach the **bitter** along **beside** the sweet
That will / be **honest history!** *[slow down; watch director or each other]*