

OPTIONAL intro: When originally written in 2018, the refrain of this song was “All I dare to do is dream”. Unfortunately in 2025, that wording had to be changed.

DACA Dream Song (I No Longer Dare to Dream)

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Tune: All I Have to Do is Dream, written by Boudleaux Bryant, recorded by the Everly Brothers; easily found on YouTube

Dre-e-e-e-eam, dream dream dre-eam
Dre-e-e-e-eam, dream dream ↓dream ...

I'm **often** scared / In the night
Will **anyone** care / To make this right?
I **counted** on DACA
I no longer **dare** to dre-e-e-e-eam, dream, dream, ↓dream ...

When **I** came here / I was a child;
My **fam**'ly feared / For our **survival** –
I **counted** on DACA
I no longer **dare** to dre-e-e-e-eam.

I am not to blame / **I** have earned the name *American*
In my heart;
This **country** is my home / **All** I've known
My **dreaming** was **only** the start!

I **had** no voice / I was afraid
My **parents'** choice / Is what was made
I **counted** on DACA
I no longer **dare** to dre-e-e-e-eam, dream, dream, dre-eam, dre-e-e-e-eam.

I am not to blame / **I** have earned the name *American*
In my heart;
This **country** is my home / **All** I've known
My **dreaming** was **only** the start!

I **want** to stay / For all my life,
To **send** me away / Cuts like a knife --
I **counted** on DACA
I no longer **dare** to dre-e-e-e-eam, dream, dream, dre-eam, dre-e-e-e-eam,
Dream, dream, dre-eam, dree-e-e-eam ... [*fading out*]