

**Salute to America
Mike Delaney, 7/4/19**

Share and share alike; I learned that as a boy
It's a rule we should live by; And not just for toys
There's only one planet; So, we all need to share
We can't live in isolation; We breathe the same air

Chorus:

**My American salute; On this day of independence
We're all in this together; A declaration of interdependence**

In my salute to America; Children aren't locked in cages
No tanks to show our strength; Just values that are ageless
Judge us by our kindness; And our willingness to share
At heart we're still great; Compassionate and fair

Chorus

<Break>

Take the huddled masses; Crossing the muddy river
Help them to breathe free; See them safely delivered
With no VIP ticket; Show them love, not hate
Know us by our deeds; Diversity keeps us great

Chorus x2

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Am Dm G F

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G F

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Am Dm

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G Am

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Chorus:

Dm F

My American salute

Em G

On this day of independence

Dm F

We're all in this together

Em A A7 A+

A declaration of interdependence

Am Dm

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Chorus

<Break - Verse>

<Slow Stum>

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G F
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Play in Bm instead of Am.

Last July 4th, our Independence Day, you know who had his fake salute to America. Maybe you were there—if you had a VIP ticket.

I had to write this song to push back with what America means to me. Here's my favorite line?

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