

## 5. Happy Birthday U.S.A.

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Bring out the red white and blue  
It's the Fourth of July  
Happy Birthday U.S.A.  
The congress declared this day  
A special holiday  
Happy Birthday U.S.A.

In seventeen seventy six  
The thirteen colonies  
Declared their independence  
And a nation was born!

Light up the barbeque  
We'll have a picnic in the park  
Happy Birthday U.S.A.  
Come throw and catch the  
Frisbee It's the perfect day to play  
Happy Birthday U.S.A.  
(8 bar instrumental )

In seventeen seventy six  
The thirteen colonies  
Declared their independence  
And a nation was born!

And when the sun goes down  
We'll see some fireworks Happy  
Birthday U.S.A.  
Bright colors bursting high  
Up in the starry sky  
Happy Birthday U.S.A.  
Happy Birthday U.S.A.



On July 4, 1776, we claimed our independence from Britain and our nation was born. Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, picnics, concerts, and ceremonies. Parades are often in the morning, while fireworks displays occur in the evening at such places as parks, fairgrounds, or town squares.

Sing the instant-sing line, "Happy Birthday U.S.A." each time it occurs in this song.

You can also create motions you can do as you sing. Here are some possibilities:

*Verse 1: Imagine you are in a parade and march in rhythm with the music.*

*You can march in place or in a circle.*

*Verse 2: Clap your hands 2 times after lines 1 and 2.*

*Take 8 steps on the beat with lines 3 and 4 then clap quickly 5 times.*

*Verse 3: Pantomime eating something made on a barbeque, then playing with a Frisbee.*

*Dixieland Instrumental*

*Interlude: Free dance!*

*Repeat Verse 2*

*Verse 3: Jump up and down throwing arms out and exploding like fireworks in the sky.*

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