

CALIFORNIA, HERE WE COME!

A Celebration of California History in a
Pageant of Song, Dance, and Tableaux

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STORY OF THE PLAY

"California, Here We Come" is a celebration of California history in a pageant of song, dance, and tableaux. The pageant covers the history of California from the early days of the Indians, the present and the future. The pageant is presented in short scenes with music and dance of the appropriate times. Riders with various flags help set the scenes. The stage decor includes a backdrop with a stylized California landscape which remains in place throughout the presentation, and risers on which the various characters of the show are placed as they exit from scenes, to take places as chorus.

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

(Widely flexible cast of up to 66 children)

RIDERS WITH FLAGS: *(4 Children with stick horses)*

Spanish Flag
Mexican Flag
Fremont - Bear Flag
American Flag

SCENE I: *(15 Children)*

Indian Narrator
Indian Chief
3 Indian Dancers
Cabrillo
Drake
Kuskov
2 Spanish Soldiers
Father Serra
Pueblo Family - Mother, Father, 2 Girls

SCENE II: *(34 children)*

Trapper, Narrator
Sam Brannan
John Sutter
James Marshall
Newsboy
3 Goldrush Miners
Pioneer Family: Father, Mother, Daughter
Cowboy Hitchhiker
American Rider
Cutter family: Mrs. Cutter, Jimmy, Cindy
Mr. Cutter
3 Station Keepers
Buffalo Bill
Pony Bob
Wild Bill Hickok
Charlotte (Charley) Brown
Belle Starr

SAN DIEGO SCHOOL SCENE:

Mary Chase Walker
Alonzo Horton
Maria Gonzales
Pedro Gonzales

SAN FRANCISCO "SHAKERS":

Sea-farer
Chinese worker
Washerwoman
Society lady

SCENE III: (13 Children)

Irish worker
Chinese coolie
Crocker
Hopkins
Stanford
Huntington
Railroad Engineer
Oklahoma Farmer
Actress
Student
Service person
Tourist
Astronaut

STAGE SETTING

Three-tiered risers are upstage, decorated in blue and gold. Above the risers is a backdrop in bright colors representing a stylized picture of California - large brilliant sun, purple snow-capped mountains, yellow desert, and blue sea. There may also be cactus, palm and redwood trees.

COSTUMES

RIDERS

Spanish, cavalry costume
Mexican, soldier outfit
Fremont, union uniform
American, frontiersman's outfit
Indians - various costumes of California Indians

SPANISH SCENE

Father Serra, friar's robe, sandals
Pueblo Family, colorful Spanish costumes
Soldiers, Spanish soldier's costumes
Cabrillo, Spanish captain's uniform, helmet
Drake, Elizabethan costume
Kuskov, Russian furs, astrakhan hat

PIONEER SCENE

Trapper, ragged frontier clothing, feet wrapped in skins
Miners, jeans, suspenders, open shirts, boots, sleeveless vests,
battered felt hats
Family, women- calico gowns, sunbonnets
Father-coat, straw hat, britches in boots
Hitchhiker, cowboy outfit

SAN DIEGO SCHOOL SCENE

Schoolmarm, long gown, shawl
Alonzo Horton, top hat, dark suit, string tie, black shoes
Children, girls-"best" dresses, pantaloons, hair ribbons
Jimmy, suit of the period
Mickey, ragged straw hat, overalls, open shirt, sandals

SAN FRANCISCO SHAKERS

Sea Captain, captain's outfit of the period
Chinese, boy or girl's coolie costume
Washerwoman, Long dress, white apron
Belle, fancy gown and large hat of the period

SCENE III

Railroad Engineer, engineer's cap and uniform
Farmer, overalls, hat
Actress, dance costume
Student, cap and gown
Service Person, uniform of a US Soldier
Tourist, loud shirt, pants or skirt
Astronaut, space suit

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PROPS

4 stick horses, 9 flags, drum, bells, rattles, cross, bundles, confetti, small pickaxe, shovel, gold pan, covered wagon, whip, school bell, dunce cap, long bench, two stools, 4 tambourines, book bag, small suitcase, duffel bag, camera

SONGS

"Indian Song"

"Mexican Dance Song"

"Frere Jacques"

"O, Susannah!"

"Wait for the Wagon"

"The Wells Fargo Wagon"*

"John Henry"

"Joshua Fit De Battle of Jericho"

"California, Here I Come"

"I Love You, California"

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