***This Land Is Your land* Questionnaire**

**http://www.npr.org/2000/07/03/1076186/this-land-is-your-land**

What other song inspired *This land is Your land*? How?

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How is Woody Guthrie related to the tow of Okemah, Oklahoma?

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When and why did Woody Guthrie take to the road?

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How did he then keep body and soul together?

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What year was the song first written?

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What song allegedly provided the tune?

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What title does his autobiographical novel bear? What does it suggest about his first marriage and his travels? To what point did he draw on personal experience for this song?

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What was meant as the original title for the song *This Land Is Your Land*?

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Go to the lyrics of *God Bless America*, sung by Kate Smith at the time and try to pin down what irked Woody Guthrie about them.

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*While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,*

*Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free,*

*Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,*

*As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.*

*God bless America,*

*Land that I love,*

*Stand beside her, and guide her*

*Through the night with a light from above.*

*From the mountains, to the prairies,*

*To the oceans, white with foam*

*God bless America, My home sweet home*

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What verse, originally included in the song *This Land Is Your land* was recorded by Moses Asch (founder of Folkways Records) but not released?

Why is that in your opinion?

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Pete Seeger (May 3, 1919 – January 27, 2014 was an American folk singer and activist. A fixture on nationwide radio in the 1940s, he also had a string of hit records during the early 1950s as a member of [the Weavers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Weavers) who were [blacklisted](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blacklist) during the [McCarthy Era](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/McCarthyism). In the 1960s, he re-emerged on the public scene as a prominent singer of [protest music](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Protest_song) in support of [international disarmament](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nuclear_disarmament), [civil rights](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Civil_rights), [counterculture](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Counterculture_of_the_1960s) and [environmental causes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Environmentalism)) made a point of reviving another verse that was never actually recorded. Which one? What was subversive about it?

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How did Woody Guthrie end his life? When did he pass away?

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What other popular singers did he reportedly inspire?

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How does this song fit in with the theme of Manifest Destiny?