by April Pulley Sayre

America’s crossroads! Highways run—past rows of corn beneath the sun.


Horses, buggies, tractors, trains. Tree frogs trilling. Sandhill cranes.


Oak and beech trees. Wildflower spring. Migrating birds feed and sing.

Forest. Prairie. Dune and swale. Strawberries, blueberries, by the pail!


Astronauts. Artists. Olympians, too. Hoosier heroes—could be you!


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Sayre is happy to celebrate the state’s anniversary by lending this chant to its public libraries and schools. Copies of the chant text can be used and distributed among Indiana groups for out loud readings and performances. Excerpts can be used by libraries, schools, and municipalities for temporary art involved in the celebration. (Students may want to illustrate a stanza for their school or add their own nonfiction notes to elaborate on the caves, crinoids, and other features of Indiana.)

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