

America

Original Broadway Cast

Puerto Rico
You lovely island
Island of tropical breezes
Always the pineapples growing
Always the coffee blossoms blowing

Puerto Rico
You ugly island
Island of tropic diseases
Always the hurricanes blowing
Always the population growing
And the money owing
And the babies crying
And the bullets flying
I like the island Manhattan
Smoke on your pipe and put that in!

I like to be in America!
O.K. by me in America!
Ev'rything free in America
For a small fee in America!

I like the city of San Juan

I know a boat you can get on

Hundreds of flowers in full bloom

Hundreds of people in each room!

Automobile in America
Chromium steel in America
Wire-spoke wheel in America
Very big deal in America!

I'll drive a Buick through San Juan

If there's a road you can drive on

I'll give my cousins a free ride

How you get all of them inside?

Immigrant goes to America
Many hellos in America
Nobody knows in America
Puerto Rico's in America!

I'll bring a T.V. to San Juan

If there's a current to turn on!

I'll give them new washing machine

What have they got there to keep clean?

I like the shores of America!

Comfort is yours in America!
Knobs on the doors in America
Wall-to-wall floors in America!

When I will go back to San Juan

When you will shut up and get gone?

Everyone there will give big cheer!

Everyone there will have moved here!