

Piece: Colorado Trail	Head Researcher: Grant Singer
Composer and/or Arranger: Trad., Carl Sandberg	Assistant Researchers:
Culture of Origin: American Western	
Cultural Context: The Colorado Trail is a path stretching from Denver to Durango. It is a common tourist location for bicyclists and hikers. The song was first collected in 1926 by Sandburg who heard it from a retired surgeon in Duluth, MN. The story goes, the surgeon was treating a cowboy who sang the song constantly during his stay at the hospital. There is not clear evidence of who exactly "Laura" is in the song.	
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fine to use with context <input type="checkbox"/> Use at your own discretion <input type="checkbox"/> Unfit for the classroom given the current academic information provided	Recommendation Notes: Given the context of the piece, it is fine to perform in the classroom. The lyrics are culturally appropriate and there are no known variations with inappropriate themes.
Score:	
<h2>Colorado Trail</h2>	
<p>Eyes like a morn-ing star. Cheeks like a rose. Lau - ra was a pret-ty girl.</p>	
<p>Ev' - ry bo-dy knows. Weep, all you lit-tle rains, wall, winds, wail. All a-long a-</p>	
<p>long a - long the Co - lo - ra - do trail.</p>	
Variations:	
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