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Hello!

I come bearing exciting news! For those of you who may not remember, three of my classmates and I composed the finale for the AHS band and choir concert in January. The piece has changed a bit since you heard (or played) it in January, as we've done some editing in the last few months. We just got it published online yesterday at www.sibeliusmusic.com (the publishing website associated with the software we used to write it), and I wanted to let you know of the good news. Will, Melissa, Jake, and I are certainly excited.

If you'd like to see and hear the revised version of our piece (or if you never got the chance to hear it in the first place), you can find it at http://www.sibeliusmusic.com/cgi-bin/show_score.pl?scoreid=92713. The website will prompt you to download a plug-in called Scorch, and then you should be able to listen to the piece and watch the score go by. I warn those of you not familiar with MIDI sound devices that playback of our piece won't be perfect, as a computer can't exactly mimic a real instrument. Some of the percussion parts aren't correct either (especially the gong and chimes at the beginning of the piece).

I'd like to point out something important: the website only allowed me to put my name next to the score, although many other people contributed to the project. The full credits can be found on the first page of the score, and the program notes for the composition (and a tiny picture of the four main composers) can be found on our homepage at http://www.sibeliusmusic.com/cgi-bin/user_page.pl?url=celebrateamerica.

Thank you so much for your support over the last few months as we've worked on this exciting project. It means a lot to the four of us that we've gotten this composition published, and we thought you might like to join in our celebration.

Love, Kelsey