

**AMERIKA** - AMERICA (Ramstein)

*Refrain:*

*We're all living in America,*

*America is wunderbar.*

*We're all living in America,*

*Amerika, Amerika.*

When I'm dancing, I want to lead,  
even if you all are spinning alone,  
let's exercise a little control.

I'll show you how it's done right.

We form a nice round (circle),

freedom is playing on all the fiddles,

music is coming out of the White House,

and near Paris stands Mickey Mouse.

*We're all living in America...*

I know steps that are very useful,  
and I'll protect you from missteps,  
and anyone who doesn't want to dance in the end,  
just doesn't know that he has to dance!

We form a nice round (circle),

I'll show you the right direction,

to Africa goes Santa Claus,

and near Paris stands Mickey Mouse.

*We're all living in America,*

*America is wunderbar.*

*We're all living in America,*

*Amerika, Amerika.*

*We're all living in America,*

*Coca-Cola, Wonderbra,*

*We're all living in America,*

*Amerika, Amerika.*

*This is not a love song,*

*this is not a love song.*

*I don't sing my mother tongue,*

*No, this is not a love song.*

*We're all living in America,*

*Amerika is wunderbar.*

*We're all living in America,*

*Amerika, Amerika.*

*We're all living in America,*

*Coca-Cola, sometimes WAR,*

*We're all living in America,*

*Amerika, Amerika.*

**America**-Close Reading

Quickwrite Topic: How is America viewed by those outside the United States? What factors have influenced that point of view?	
Song Title: "Amerika"	
Artist:	
<b>Task</b> (Focus on strategies which help the speaker achieve his/her ultimate purpose.)	<b>Response</b>
<b>Diction</b> -What kinds of <i>words</i> are used in the song? Do they generate some type of emotional response? Is the language loaded (positive or negative connotations)? Is the language formal? Informal? What is the overall impact of the language used?	
<b>Imagery</b> -What visual <i>images</i> are created in the text of the song? Describe any special issues that you notice about the way in which the image(s) is presented. What is the overall impact of the image? Does the speaker use any literary elements such as simile, metaphor, or personification? Does the song allude to any specific people, places, products, or events used in the song? If so, what are they? What do you think they represent literally? Symbolically? What purpose do they serve in achieving the overall purpose of the song? If necessary, do a Google search.	
<b>Syntax</b> -How is sentence structure used in the song? What linguistic (language) strategies are used (repetition, alliteration, comparison and contrast, definition) and what function do they serve?	
<b>Narrative Strategies</b> -How does the speaker tell the story? What point of view is used? If applicable, how are events sequenced? What impact do these elements have on the reader?	
<b>Mood</b> -What is the general ambiance of the song-the mood that is created, the feelings that it stimulates?	
<b>Additional Elements</b> -Are there any other elements which might be significant? What are they? How are they important?	
Task	Response/Explanation (What evidence in the song serves as the basis for your response?)
What is the general <b>subject</b> of the song?	
Who is the <b>speaker</b> ? Remember that the speaker cannot simply be the author/songwriter. Is there an identifiable speaker? What other clues are there as to the speaker? Age? Gender? Social class? Emotional state? Occupation?	

