

# CALIFORNIA, HERE WE COME!

A Celebration of California History in a  
Pageant of Song, Dance, and Tableaux

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### **STORY OF THE PLAY**

"California, Here We Come" is a celebration of California history in a pageant of song, dance, and tableaux. The pageant covers the history of California from the early days of the Indians, the present and the future. The pageant is presented in short scenes with music and dance of the appropriate times. Riders with various flags help set the scenes. The stage decor includes a backdrop with a stylized California landscape which remains in place throughout the presentation, and risers on which the various characters of the show are placed as they exit from scenes, to take places as chorus.

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**CAST OF CHARACTERS**

*(Widely flexible cast of up to 66 children)*

**RIDERS WITH FLAGS:** *(4 Children with stick horses)*

Spanish Flag  
Mexican Flag  
Fremont - Bear Flag  
American Flag

**SCENE I:** *(15 Children)*

Indian Narrator  
Indian Chief  
3 Indian Dancers  
Cabrillo  
Drake  
Kuskov  
2 Spanish Soldiers  
Father Serra  
Pueblo Family - Mother, Father, 2 Girls

**SCENE II:** *(34 children)*

Trapper, Narrator  
Sam Brannan  
John Sutter  
James Marshall  
Newsboy  
3 Goldrush Miners  
Pioneer Family: Father, Mother, Daughter  
Cowboy Hitchhiker  
American Rider  
Cutter family: Mrs. Cutter, Jimmy, Cindy  
Mr. Cutter  
3 Station Keepers  
Buffalo Bill  
Pony Bob  
Wild Bill Hickok  
Charlotte (Charley) Brown  
Belle Starr

**SAN DIEGO SCHOOL SCENE:**

Mary Chase Walker  
Alonzo Horton  
Maria Gonzales  
Pedro Gonzales

**SAN FRANCISCO "SHAKERS":**

Sea-farer  
Chinese worker  
Washerwoman  
Society lady

**SCENE III: (13 Children)**

Irish worker  
Chinese coolie  
Crocker  
Hopkins  
Stanford  
Huntington  
Railroad Engineer  
Oklahoma Farmer  
Actress  
Student  
Service person  
Tourist  
Astronaut

**STAGE SETTING**

Three-tiered risers are upstage, decorated in blue and gold. Above the risers is a backdrop in bright colors representing a stylized picture of California - large brilliant sun, purple snow-capped mountains, yellow desert, and blue sea. There may also be cactus, palm and redwood trees.

## **COSTUMES**

### **RIDERS**

Spanish, cavalry costume  
Mexican, soldier outfit  
Fremont, union uniform  
American, frontiersman's outfit  
Indians - various costumes of California Indians

### **SPANISH SCENE**

Father Serra, friar's robe, sandals  
Pueblo Family, colorful Spanish costumes  
Soldiers, Spanish soldier's costumes  
Cabrillo, Spanish captain's uniform, helmet  
Drake, Elizabethan costume  
Kuskov, Russian furs, astrakhan hat

### **PIONEER SCENE**

Trapper, ragged frontier clothing, feet wrapped in skins  
Miners, jeans, suspenders, open shirts, boots, sleeveless vests,  
battered felt hats  
Family, women- calico gowns, sunbonnets  
Father-coat, straw hat, britches in boots  
Hitchhiker, cowboy outfit

### **SAN DIEGO SCHOOL SCENE**

Schoolmarm, long gown, shawl  
Alonzo Horton, top hat, dark suit, string tie, black shoes  
Children, girls-"best" dresses, pantaloons, hair ribbons  
Jimmy, suit of the period  
Mickey, ragged straw hat, overalls, open shirt, sandals

### **SAN FRANCISCO SHAKERS**

Sea Captain, captain's outfit of the period  
Chinese, boy or girl's coolie costume  
Washerwoman, Long dress, white apron  
Belle, fancy gown and large hat of the period

### **SCENE III**

Railroad Engineer, engineer's cap and uniform  
Farmer, overalls, hat  
Actress, dance costume  
Student, cap and gown  
Service Person, uniform of a US Soldier  
Tourist, loud shirt, pants or skirt  
Astronaut, space suit

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