

# 10A SONG Immigrant Eyes 5 32 MP3

- a Listen to the song. Tick (✓) the lines which are correct.  
Cross (X) the lines where a word is wrong and (circle) the word.



## Immigrant Eyes

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|---|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1 Old Ellis Island was swarming                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____          |
| 2 Like (it seemed) from a costume ball                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <i>a scene</i> |
| 3 Decked out in the colours of Europe                               | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____          |
| 4 And on fire with the joy of it all                                | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____          |
| 5 There my mother's own father stood huddled                        | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____          |
| 6 With the tired angry and scared                                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____          |
| 7 Turn of the century pilgrims                                      | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____          |
| 8 Bound by the dream they shared                                    | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____          |
| 9 They were standing in queues just like cattle                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____          |
| 10 Poked and sorted and shoved                                      | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____          |
| 11 Some were one desk away from sweet freedom                       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____          |
| 12 Some were torn from people they love                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____          |
| 13 Through this sprawling Tower of Babel                            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____          |
| 14 Came a young man confused and alone                              | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____          |
| 15 Determined and bound for America                                 | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____          |
| 16 And carrying everything that he'd known                          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____          |
| <b>Chorus</b>   |                                     |                |
| 17 At times when I look in my grandfather's immigrant eyes          | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____          |
| 18 I see that day reflected and I can't hold my feelings inside     | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____          |
| 19 I see starting with nothing and working hard most of his life    | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____          |
| 20 'So don't take it for granted,' say Grandfather's immigrant eyes | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____          |
| 21 Now he rocks and glares out the window                           | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____          |
| 22 But his eyes are still just as clear                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____          |
| 23 As the day he sailed through the harbour                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____          |
| 24 And walked ashore on the island of tears                         | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____          |
| 25 My grandfather's hours are numbered                              | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____          |
| 26 But I don't let his memory die                                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____          |
| 27 Cause he gave me the gift of this country                        | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____          |
| 28 And the look in his immigrant eyes                               | <input type="checkbox"/>            | _____          |

### Chorus

- b Listen again and write the correct word on the line.
- c Discuss these questions with a partner.
- 1 What impression do you get of Ellis Island and of the people who arrived there?
  - 2 What's the significance of the Tower of Babel in the song?
  - 3 Do you think that the singer's grandfather had an easy life when he arrived in the US? Why (not)?
  - 4 How does the singer feel towards her grandfather?

### SONG FACTS

*Immigrant Eyes* features on the 1995 country music album compilation *Together at the Bluebird Café*. Although Emmylou Harris has written and recorded many of her own songs, she's primarily known as an interpreter of other composers' works and as a backing vocalist and duet partner for other artists.

### GLOSSARY

swarming = to move around in a large group  
 decked out = to decorate sb / sth with sth  
 huddled = to hold your arms and legs close to your body, usually because you are cold or frightened  
 poke = to push your fingers or another object into sb / sth  
 shove = to push sb / sth in a rough way