

# Lyrics to *The Preamble of the Constitution Song*

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Hey, do you know about the U.S.A.?  
Do you know about the government?  
Can you tell me about the Constitution?  
Hey, learn about the U.S.A.

In 1787 I'm told  
Our founding fathers did agree  
To write a list of principles  
For keepin' people free.

The U.S.A. was just startin' out.  
A whole brand-new country.  
And so our people spelled it out  
The things that we should be.

And they put those principles down on paper  
and called it the Constitution, and it's been  
helping us run our country ever since then.  
The first part of the Constitution is called the  
preamble and tells what those founding  
fathers set out to do.

We the people,  
In order to form a more perfect union,  
Establish justice, insure domestic tranquility,  
Provide for the common defense,  
Promote the general welfare and  
Secure the blessings of liberty  
To ourselves and our posterity  
Do ordain and establish this Constitution for  
the United States of America.

In 1787 I'm told  
Our founding fathers all sat down  
And wrote a list of principles  
That's known the world around.

The U.S.A. was just starting out  
A whole brand-new country.  
And so our people spelled it out  
They wanted a land of liberty.

And the Preamble goes like this:

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In order to form a more perfect union,  
Establish justice, insure domestic tranquility,  
Provide for the common defense,  
Promote the general welfare and  
Secure the blessings of liberty  
To ourselves and our posterity  
Do ordain and establish this Constitution for  
the United States of America.

For the United States of America...

*(Note:*

*The lyrics here have a slightly abridged  
wording of the Preamble to the United  
States Constitution. The actual document  
starts, "We the people of the United States,  
in order to form a more perfect union..."*)