

Born in the U.S.A. (song)

"Born in the U.S.A."

Song by [Bruce Springsteen](#)

from the album

[*Born in the U.S.A.*](#)

Released 1984

Recorded 1982

Genre [Rock](#)

Length 4:39

Label [Columbia Records](#)

Producer(s) [Jon Landau](#)

"**Born in the U.S.A.**" is a [rock music](#) song by [Bruce Springsteen](#). The song appears on Springsteen's 1984 album, *[Born in the U.S.A.](#)*. The song was recorded in May 1982. It became the biggest hit of his career. *[Rolling Stone](#)* ranked the song 275th on their list of "[The 500 Greatest Songs of All Time](#)". The song is about the effects of the [Vietnam War](#), but is often interpreted as a patriotic or nationalistic anthem.

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<div>v · t · e</div> <div>Bruce Springsteen</div>	
	E Street Band
	Bruce Springsteen · Garry Tallent · Roy Bittan · Max Weinberg · Steven Van Zandt · Nils Lofgren · Patti Scialfa · Soozie Tyrell · Charles Giordano · Jake Clemons
	Ernest Carter · Clarence Clemons · Danny Federici · Vini Lopez · David Sancious
Studio albums	<i>Greetings from Asbury Park, N.J.</i> (1973) · <i>The Wild, the Innocent & the E Street Shuffle</i> (1973) · <i>Born to Run</i> (1975) · <i>Darkness on the Edge of Town</i> (1978) · <i>The River</i> (1980) · <i>Nebraska</i> (1982) · <i>Born in the U.S.A.</i> (1984) · <i>Tunnel of Love</i> (1987) · <i>Human Touch</i> (1992) · <i>Lucky Town</i> (1992) · <i>The Ghost of Tom Joad</i> (1995) · <i>The Rising</i> (2002) · <i>Devils & Dust</i> (2005) · <i>We Shall Overcome: The Seeger Sessions</i> (2006) · <i>Magic</i> (2007) · <i>Working on a Dream</i> (2009) · <i>Wrecking Ball</i> (2012) · <i>High Hopes</i> (2014) · <i>Western Stars</i>

	(2019) • Letter to You (2020) • Only the Strong Survive (2022)
Live albums	Live 1975–85 (1986) • In Concert/MTV Plugged (1993) • Live in New York City (2001) • Hammersmith Odeon London '75 (2006) • Live in Dublin (2007) • Springsteen on Broadway (2018) • The Legendary 1979 No Nukes Concerts (2021)
Bruce Springsteen Archives	Apollo Theater 3/09/12 (2014) • The Agora, Cleveland 1978 (2015) • Tower Theater, Philadelphia 1975 (2015) • Nassau Coliseum, New York 1980 (2015) • Brendan Byrne Arena, New Jersey 1984 (2015) • LA Sports Arena, California 1988 (2015) • Schottenstein Center, Ohio 2005 (2015) • Ippodromo delle Capannelle, Rome 2013 (2015) • Arizona State University, Tempe 1980 (2015) • The Christic Shows 1990 (2016) • HSBC Arena, Buffalo, NY, 11/22/09 (2016) • Scottrade Center, St. Louis, MO, 8/23/08 (2017) • Olympiastadion, Helsinki, July 31, 2012 (2017) • Wachovia Spectrum, Philadelphia, PA 10/20/09 (2017) • Palace Theatre, Albany 1977 (2017) • Auditorium Theatre, Rochester, NY 1977 (2017) • King's Hall, Belfast March 19, 1996 (2017) • The Summit, Houston, TX December 8, 1978 (2017) • The Live Series: Songs of the Road (2018) • The Live Series: Songs of Friendship (2019) • The Live Series: Songs of Hope (2019) • The Live Series: Songs of Love (2019) • The Live Series: Songs from Around the World (2019) • The Live Series: Songs Under Cover (2020)
Soundtracks	Western Stars – Songs from the Film (2019)
Compilations	Greatest Hits (1995) • 18 Tracks (1999) • The Essential Bruce Springsteen (2003) • Greatest Hits (2009) • The Promise (2010) • Collection: 1973–2012 (2013) • Chapter and Verse (2016)
Box sets	The Born in the U.S.A. 12" Single Collection (1985) • Tracks (1998) • The Collection (2004) • Born to Run: 30th Anniversary Edition (2005) • The Collection 1973–1984 (2010) • The Promise: The Darkness on the Edge of Town Story (2010) • The Album Collection Vol. 1 1973–1984 (2014) • The Ties That Bind: The River Collection (2015)
EPs	Live Collection (1987) • Chimes of Freedom (1988) • Blood Brothers (1996) • PBS Exclusive (2007) • Magic Tour Highlights (2008) • American Beauty (2014)
Singles	" Blinded by the Light " (1973) • " Spirit in the Night " (1973) • " 4th of July, Asbury Park (Sandy) " (1974) • " Born to Run " (1975) • " Tenth Avenue Freeze-Out " (1976) • " Prove It All

	<p> Night (1978) • "Badlands" (1978) • "The Promised Land" (1978) • "Rosalita (Come Out Tonight)" (1979) • "Hungry Heart" (1980) • "Fade Away" (1981) • "Sherry Darling" (1981) • "The River" (1981) • "Cadillac Ranch" (1981) • "Point Blank" (1981) • "Atlantic City" (1982) • "Open All Night" (1982) • "Dancing in the Dark" (1984) • "Cover Me" (1984) • "Born in the U.S.A." (1984) • "I'm on Fire" (1985) • "Glory Days" (1985) • "I'm Goin' Down" (1985) • "My Hometown" (1985) • "Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town" (1985) • "War" (1986) • "Fire" (1987) • "Brilliant Disguise" (1987) • "Tunnel of Love" (1987) • "One Step Up" (1988) • "Tougher Than the Rest" (1988) • "Spare Parts" (1988) • "Human Touch" (1992) • "57 Channels (And Nothin' On)" (1992) • "Better Days" (1992) • "Streets of Philadelphia" (1994) • "Secret Garden" (1995) • "The Ghost of Tom Joad" (1996) • "Sad Eyes" (1999) • "The Rising" (2002) • "Lonesome Day" (2002) • "Waitin' on a Sunny Day" (2003) • "Devils & Dust" (2005) • "Radio Nowhere" (2007) • "Girls in Their Summer Clothes" (2008) • "Working on a Dream" (2008) • "My Lucky Day" (2008) • "The Wrestler" (2009) • "We Take Care of Our Own" (2012) • "Death to My Hometown" (2012) • "High Hopes" (2013) • "Just Like Fire Would" (2014) • "Hello Sunshine" (2019) • "There Goes My Miracle" (2019) • "Tucson Train" (2019) • "Western Stars" (2019) • "Letter to You" (2020) • "Ghosts" (2020) • "I'll See You in My Dreams" (2020) </p>
Charting songs	<p> "Be True" (1981) • "Ramrod" (1981) • "Nebraska" (1982) • "Johnny 99" (1982) • "No Surrender" (1984) • "Bobby Jean" (1984) • "Stand on It" (1985) • "Trapped" (live) (1985) • "Because the Night" (live) (1986) • "Chimes of Freedom" (live) (1988) • "Youngstown" (1995) • "American Skin (41 Shots)" (2001) • "Pay Me My Money Down" (2006) • "Long Walk Home" (2006) • "My City of Ruins" (2011) • "Rocky Ground" (2012) • "The Power of Prayer" (2020) </p>
Other notable songs	<p> "Growin' Up" (1973) • "For You" (1973) • "Incident on 57th Street" (1973) • "The Fever" (1973) • "Thunder Road" (1975) • "Night" (1975) • "Backstreets" (1975) • "She's the One" (1975) • "Meeting Across the River" (1975) • "Jungleland" (1975) • "Adam Raised a Cain" (1978) • "Racing in the Street" (1978) • "Darkness on the Edge of Town" (1978) • "Stay" (1979) • "The Ties That Bind" (1980) • "Independence Day" (1980) • "Out in the Street" (1980) • "Stolen Car" (1980) • "Wreck on the Highway" (1980) • "Highway Patrolman" (1982) • "Darlington County" (1984) • "Working on the Highway" (1984) • "Downbound Train" (1984) • "Pink </p>

	<p>Cadillac" (1984) • "Jersey Girl" (1986) • "Light of Day" (1993) • "The New Timer" (1995) • "Land of Hope and Dreams" (2012) • "Hunter of Invisible Game" (2014) • "Chinatown" (2020)</p>
Video releases	<p>Video Anthology / 1978–88 (1989) • In Concert/MTV Plugged (1992) • Blood Brothers (1996) • The Complete Video Anthology / 1978–2000 (2001) • Live in New York City (2001) • Live in Barcelona (2003) • VH1 Storytellers (2005) • Wings for Wheels (2005) • Hammersmith Odeon London '75 (2005) • Live in Dublin (2007) • Magic Tour Highlights (2008) • London Calling: Live in Hyde Park (2010) • The Promise: The Making of Darkness on the Edge of Town (2010) • Springsteen & I (2013) • Born in the U.S.A. Live: London 2013 (2014) • A MusiCares Tribute to Bruce Springsteen (2014) • Bruce Springsteen's High Hopes (2014) • High Hopes in South Africa (2014) • Hunter of Invisible Game (2014)</p>
Concerts	<p>Born to Run tours (1974–77) • Darkness Tour (1978) • The River Tour (1980–81) • Born in the U.S.A. Tour (1984–85) • Tunnel of Love Express (1988) • Human Rights Now! (1988) • Bruce Springsteen 1992–1993 World Tour (1992–93) • Ghost of Tom Joad Tour (1995–97) • Reunion Tour (1999–2000) • Rising Tour (2002–03) • Vote for Change (2004) • Devils & Dust Tour (2005) • Seeger Sessions Band Tour (2006) • Magic Tour (2007–08) • Working on a Dream Tour (2009) • Wrecking Ball World Tour (2012–13) • High Hopes Tour (2014) • The River Tour (2016) • Summer '17 (2017) • Springsteen on Broadway (2017–18, 2021) • 2023 Tour (2023)</p>
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