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In the year of sixteen twenty in the reign of James the First

4 1 5
They said goodbye to England for the last time

4 1 6m
Heading for the New World where men would not be cursed

1 4 5 1
Just for living by the standards of their fa --- thers

1 5 1
So they set out in the Mayflower in the summer of that year

4 1 5
To the colony that someone called Virginia

4 1 6m
A hundred desperate pilgrims, every one a volunteer

1 4 5 1
Driven by the standards of their fa --- thers

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And they called the land New England and they gave it English names

4 1 5
And they sang their English folk songs in the fields

4 1 6m
And they formed their own society with its customs and its aims

1 4 5 1
To preserve the ancient standards of their fa --- thers

1 5 1
And the new world proved a sanctuary for countless refugees

4 1 5
All escaping from the torments of the old world

4 1 6m
And they fought for independence and through famine and disease

1 4 5 1
They kept alive the standards of their fa --- thers

(Chorus – instrumental verse: Fiddle with Pipes interweaving)

1 5 1
And they built their towns and cities with the wealth that they had made

4 1 5
They built a railroad running coast to coast

4 1 6m
And soon many of their values were abandoned and betrayed

1 4 5 1
As they sacrificed the standards of their fa ---- thers

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For this land of milk and honey had turned sour over night

4 1 5
The dream was just a dream and nothing more

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No one cared about the old ways; no one thought of what was right and

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No one cared about the standards of their fa --- thers