

# THE GOLD RUSH SONG

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INTRO: [G] . . . [C] . [G] . [G] . . . [D] . [D\] [G] . . . [C] . [G] . [G] . . . [D] . [G\]

## CHORUS

[G] Working for John Sutter in [C] Cali [G] fornia  
[G] James Marshall [D] was his name  
He [G] bit into a stone he found [C] in the [G] river  
Then the [G] gold rush started in [D] eighteen forty [G] eight  
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[G] James Marshall was working [C] on a [G] saw mill  
for a business partner named [D] John Sutter  
[G] Next to a river in the [C] Sacramento [G] Valley  
where he found that nugget of [D] pla [G] cer

[G] Next year came the [C] forty [G] niners miners also called [D] prospectors  
they [G] hoped there would be so much [C] gold in their [G] pouches  
that their [G] Levis got too heavy for their [D] suspen [G] ders [G] . . . [D] . [G\]

## CHORUS

[G] Miners journeyed by [C] sea and [G] land  
Some [G] travel across the whole [D] continent  
They came [G] through the Rocky Mountain [C] and the Great [G] Plains  
in [G] groups of covered wagons called [D] wagon [G] trains [G] . . . [D] . [G\]

INSTRUMENTAL: [G] . . . [C] . [G] . [G] . . . [D] . [D\] [G] . . . [C] . [G] . [G] . . . [D] . [G\]

[G] Others took to the [C] sea with [G] ships , from [G] Boston harbor to the [D] very tip  
of [G] South America, and [C] they were [G] warned  
of the [G] dangerous waters that sur [D] round Cape [G] Horn

From [G] around the world the forty [C] niners [G] came  
They [G] swarmed to the un settled lands to [C] stake their [G] claims  
with [G] picks, pans shovels washbowls cradles they [C] all hoped for the [G] same  
to find a [D] fortune [D] . . . [D] . . . [D\]

In the [G] bends of the streams where the [C] water currents [G] slowed  
that's [G] where they'd find that [D] placer gold  
Take a [G] bite of a nugget if it's [C] soft you'll [G] know  
'cause it's [G] eight times heavier than [D] sand and [G] stone  
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## CHORUS X2

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OUTRO: Then the [G] gold rush started in [D] eighteen forty [G\] eight [D\] [G\]