West Side Story

In the famous musical "*West Side Story*", set in the 60s and written by Leonard Bernstein, two groups of youngsters fight each other for territory in the streets of Manhattan.

One, the Jets, is composed of Americans and is led by Riff. They consider the nearby streets belongs to them. The other, the Sharks, is composed of Puerto-Rican immigrants, led by Bernardo. The conflict is amplified when Bernardo's young sister, Maria, falls in love with Tony, a member of the Jets.



America – *lyrics by Leonard Berstein*

Puerto Rico,
My heart's _____
Let it sink back in the ocean
Always the hurricanes blowing
Always the population _____
And the money owing
And the sunlight streaming
And the _____ *steaming*
I like the island Manhattan
Smoke on your pipe
And put that in!
I like to be in _____
Okay by me in America
Everything free in America
For a small _____ in America
Buying on credit is so nice

One look at us and they charge twice
I have my own washing machine
What will you have though to keep clean?
*Skyscrapers*_____*in America*
Cadillacs zoom in America
_____*boom in America*
Twelve in a room in America
Lots of new housing with more
_____
Lots of doors slamming in our face
I'll get a terrace apartment
Better get rid of your
_____
Life can be bright in America
If you can _____ in America

Life is all right in America
If you're all _____ in America
Here you are free and you have pride
Long as you stay on your own side
Free to be anything you
_____
Free to wait for tables and shine shoes
Everywhere grime in America
_____ crime in America
Terrible time in America
You forget I'm in America
I think I'll go back to San Juan
I know a boat you can get on
Everyone there will give big cheer!
Everyone there will have moved here