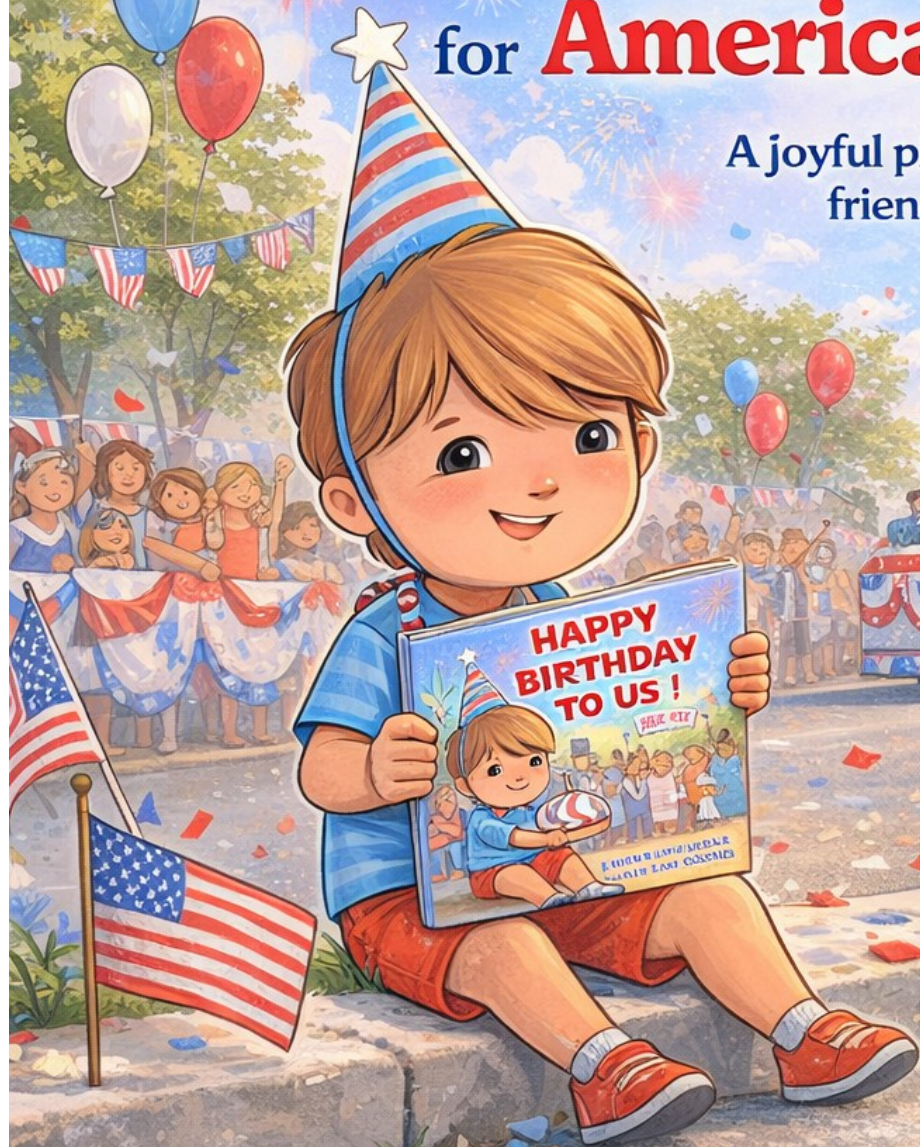


The Essential Read-Aloud for **America's 250th Birthday**

A joyful picture book celebrating birthdays,
friendship, and the spirit of sharing.



Perfect for families, classrooms,
and community celebrations in 2026.



Just in time to celebrate America's 250th Birthday!

Introducing *Happy Birthday to US!* Come, see the celebration!

'Happy Birthday to US!' Is written by Sherry Ellis and illustrated by Nina Hvozdzeva as a creative and an entertaining story for children, teens, young adults - readers of all ages really - about celebrating the 4th of July. This story helps children celebrate America and Independence Day! This young man is having a birthday and thinks all the celebration is for him until he discovers he shares his birthday with all of us!

Come check out this story today!



In my town every year
On the day I was born
A party begins
With a blast of a horn!

The banners fly high, and the marching band plays.
It's a birthday parade just to kick off the day!



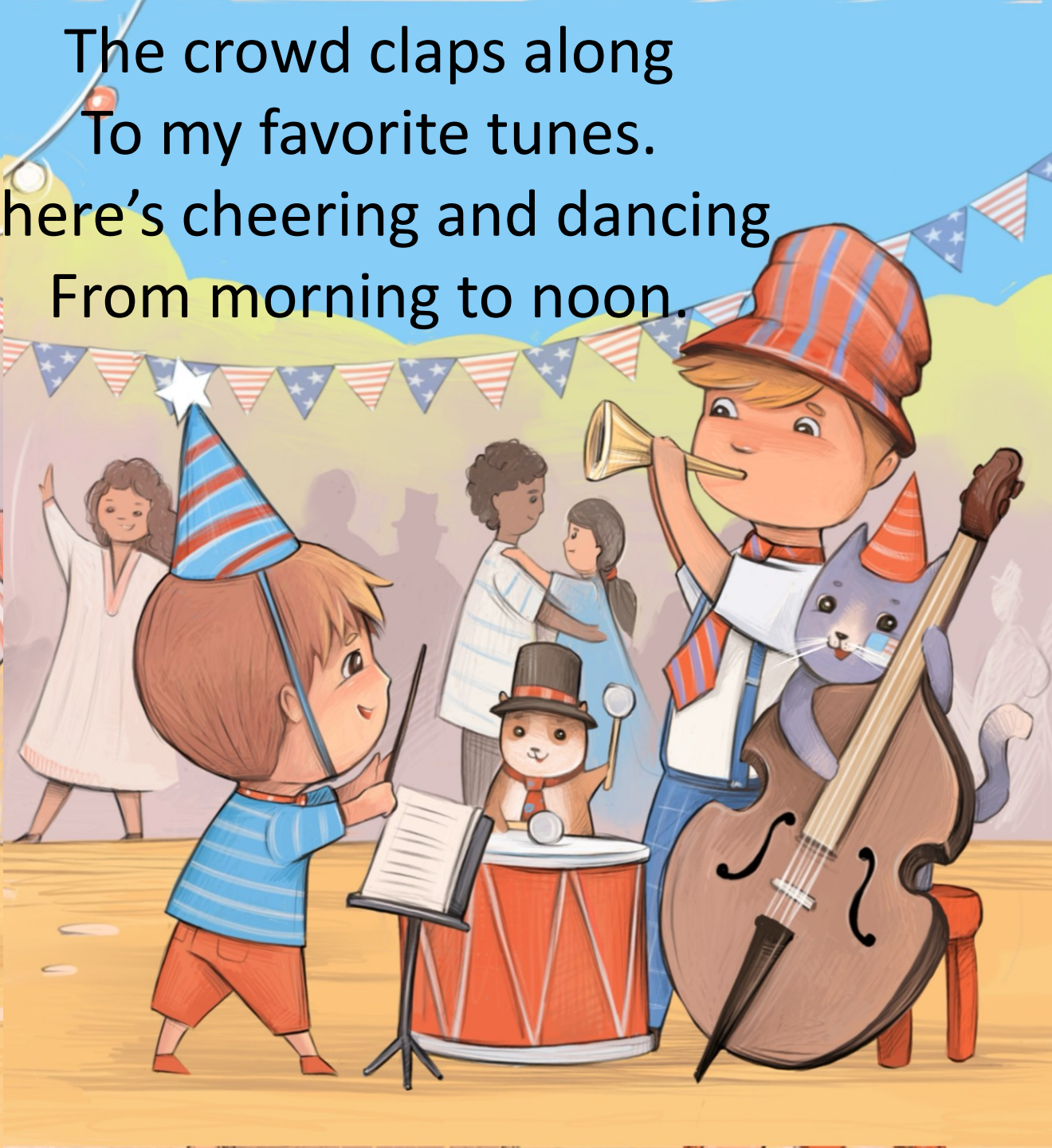


And I used to think –
As I waved to the street –
They thought all this fun
Just for me! What a treat!





The crowd claps along
To my favorite tunes.
There's cheering and dancing
From morning to noon.





But this birthday parade
Is not just for me
It's a tribute to courage
It honors the free!





That's Lady Liberty
welcoming all
who dream of a home where
they stand proud and tall.



They wrote, they declared
That we'd govern our way
That's why we remember
This special birthday!



We celebrate freedom,
with family and fuss,
And I'm proud to exclaim....



Why do we Celebrate the Fourth of July?

The Fourth of July marks the historic date in 1776 when one of the most important documents in American history, The Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress. It stated that the American colonists were tired of being ruled by Britain. They wanted to become their own country. Representatives from Virginia, New York, Massachusetts, Maryland, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Delaware, North Carolina, South Carolina, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Georgia signed the document. John Hancock, the first to sign, made his signature large and clear so the King of Britain would have no trouble seeing it. A year later, the people of Philadelphia, where the Declaration of Independence was signed, celebrated the anniversary with parades, music, and fireworks. Thomas Jefferson, the third president of the United States, was the first to celebrate the Fourth of July at the White House. In 1801, he marked the occasion with parades, music, food, and drinks—traditions we continue today. If you want to see the Declaration of Independence, it's located on the upper level of the National Archives Museum in Washington DC.



Sherry Ellis is an award-winning author who brings laughter, adventure, and imagination to young readers everywhere. From the playful chaos of ***That Baby Woke Me Up, AGAIN!*** and ***That Mama is a Grouch*** to the hilarious hijinks of ***Don't Feed the Elephant***, her picture books capture the everyday joys (and disasters!) of childhood.

Older readers can join Sherry's globe-trotting chapter book series, ***Bubba and Squirt's Adventures***, where brother-and-sister duo Bubba and Squirt dig their way into wild escapades across the world—uncovering history, mystery, and plenty of surprises in places like China, Mexico, Greece, and beyond.

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