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Subject: Re: Independence day

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I remember our 200th. For some reason, I associate that celebration with the album Frampton Comes Alive by Peter Frampton. It was super popular around that time. Lots of "good energy" too.

I associate our 250th with the album Beautifully Broken by Jelly Roll. It is an album about personal struggle, growth, and resilience. That's more how I see America today.

Both eras were good in many ways but difficult in a few ways too. I feel like the 1960s and 1970s were a time when America was like a pre-teenager, full of energy and learning to use its strength. These days, we're full on late-teenagers, with all that entails. Sometimes I can complain about little things here and there - sometimes actually pretty big things - but both then and now, I've really got it good. We all do.

Congrats, my friends! Thanks for being such good neighbors here in the good-ol' U S of A!

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