

## CISV SONG

Here in this vil-lage you may see chil-dren living hap-pi - ly. French, Norwegian, Swede and Dane,  
 Bri-tish, Ger-man, Ameri - can. Me-xi-can and Au-strian too, learning through the things we do  
 how a - like am I to you Stamp the present with an act, dare to make our dream a fact.  
*Between lines*

Here in this Village you may see  
 Children living happily  
 Different race and different land  
 Here we come to understand  
 One another's point of view  
 Learning through the things we do  
 How alike am I to you.

Here we live and eat and sleep  
 Tank and laugh and sometimes weep  
 Here we share our hopes and fears  
 Build a bridge across the years  
 Sow a seed and plant a tree  
 Beneath whose branches there may be  
 All the nations gathered free.

That our children so may grow  
 In a world we did not know  
 Sharing all they have to give  
 Learning how to love and live  
 In our hands the future lies  
 Seize the moment 'ere it flies  
 Stamp the present with an act  
 Dare to make our dream a fact.

Note: The first verse shown with the music was used at the first CISV Village in 1951.  
 Subsequently, the words for the first verse have been used.

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