"1800-1849" from *History Songs* by Larry Troxel

Lyrics:
Louisiana Purchase in 1803-
Thomas Jefferson bought land for you and me.
From the Mississippi River - to the Rockies way out west
We got more land - a lot more land.
15 million dollars was the price we had to pay to Napoleon - Napoleon.

1804 - two men went to explore
Lewis and Clark searched for the western shore.
Lookin' for a water route - through the Rockies with their scout
Sacajawea - Sacajawea
She led them all around, and finally they found
the ocean - Pacific Ocean.

The War of 1812 - fighting and raiding
Britain stopped Americans from trading.
They fought on land and sea. Britain was our enemy
till it ended - 1815.
Then Francis Scott Key - he wrote the words we sing
for our anthem - national anthem.

The Monroe Doctrine in 1823
declared there would be no more colonies
And European nations - not interfere
in our hemispere - we're separate
This doctrine became our foreign policy
for our country - our country.

1830 - a train went down the tracks.
13 miles from Baltimore to be exact
It was faster than a horse -
and named The Iron Horse -
It had power - Horse Power
By 1860 there were 30,000 miles
of railroad track - of railroad track.

Inventors helped to improve transportation.
Samuel Morse - he helped communication.
In 1844 - from Washington to Baltimore
he sent this thought - "What hath God wrought?"
By 1860 there were 50,000 miles of telegraph line
- telegraph line.

In 1849 - men searchin' for a mine
California gold was what they hoped to find.
They called them '49ers.
They thought that they were miners,
in that Gold Rush - that Gold Rush
They came from everywhere -
heavy burdens had to bear
"Get that gold - Gotta get that gold!"

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