

PIONEERS of the OREGON TRAIL
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**Before them stretched 2000 miles
Of wild, uncharted land,
Yet these pioneers were willing
To be drawn by destiny's hand.**

**They forged a deep and lasting trail
As wagons cut deep in the sod,
Driven by adventurous hope
And their abiding faith in God.**

**Dry parched prairies and stifling dust,
Security and comfort long gone,
Death behind and before them,
Yet adamantly they pushed on.**

**Pioneers who set an example
For generations yet to be,
Of patriotism and vision
In the face of adversity.**

**Because of their pioneer spirit
America, land of the free,
Purchased by their sacrifice,
Now stretches from sea to sea.**