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Mighty rivers – the source of my pride,

Skies of blue, fields of gold, forests’ greenness

And the spirit of freedom – the vibe.

Pride for people, so gifted and patient;

Strong and powerful cossacks’ first state;

Hospitality of the nation

Through the ages of grievance and pain.

I am proud of being Ukrainian,

For the colourful language we speak,

Worldly famous Ukrainian literature

Strong in spirit from those who were weak.

Being proud for all the traditions

Cheers my heart , and my soul fills with joy –

Songs and dance and traditional clothes

And symbolical Motanka toy.

All of these that reflect my identity –

Folklore passed from granny to kids,

Love for farming, scientific achievements

And Ukrainian warriors deeds!

It is all that is filled with the spirit

Of the cossacks’ idea and soul

Makes me proud of being Ukrainian,

Makes me move to achieving my goal!

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