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Worcester State, our noble college, we take pride in you,
As we gather gaining knowledge, we will e'er be true.
When we came to our dear campus, strangers all were we,
Forming bonds, we did with many, learning set us free.
Years do pass at Worcester State and as we travel on,
We'll recall the joys we had, our hearts will ne'er be gone.

Chorus:
Worcester State, listen!
Raise each voice, as we now sing your praise!
Memories we all will cherish of our college days!
—Lyrics by Cynthia Talbert ’57, M.Ed. ’76

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