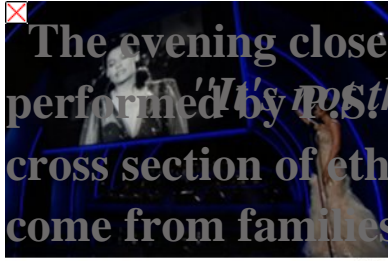




## Oscars Feature Two Diverse Moments

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In a year when nearly every Oscar nominee was white, the 83rd Oscars featured two multicultural moments:



The evening closed with a rendition of "[Somewhere over the Rainbow](#)" performed by [T. S. Galt](#), a chorus of Staten Island 5th graders from a wide cross section of ethnic groups and socio-economic levels. "These kids come from families who are having a tough time economically," choir director Gregg Breinberg told the *Los Angeles Times*. "They have a hard time expressing themselves with words, but through this choral tribute to Lena Horne. Ms. Horne was the first Black performer to be signed to a long-term contract by a major movie studios. Acknowledged as a trail blazer, Ms. Horne not only paved the way for future performers, she also paid a price, both personally and professionally."