

America the Beautiful

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*O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!*

*America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!*

*O beautiful for pilgrim feet
Whose stern impassion'd stress
A thorough fare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness.*

*America! America!
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law.*

*O beautiful for heroes prov'd
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life.*

*America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness,
And ev'ry gain divine.*

*O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears*

*America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.*