

America the Beautiful

Words: 1895 Katharine Lee Bates

Key of B-flat concert.

Music: 1882 Samuel A. Ward

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The musical score is written for B-flat instruments in 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature of 4/4. The notes are written in a simple, clear style, with a repeat sign at the beginning of the first staff and a double bar line at the end of the fourth staff. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. Chord symbols are placed above the notes to indicate the harmonic structure. The lyrics are: "O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of grain, For pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain. A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with bro - ther hood From sea to shin - ing sea."

C G G⁷ C C^{#o7} G⁷/D G⁷

O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of grain, For

C G A⁷ D⁷ G D⁷ G⁷ G⁷

pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain. A -

C G G⁷ C F C⁷

mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed His grace on thee, And

F C F G⁷ C

crown thy good with bro - ther hood From sea to shin - ing sea.