

America the Beautiful

Words: 1895 Katharine Lee Bates

Music: 1882 Samuel A. Ward

Key of B-flat concert.

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The musical score is written for B-flat instruments in 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. Above the first staff are the chords C, G, G⁷, C, C^{#o7}, G⁷/D, and G⁷. Above the second staff are the chords C, G, A⁷, D⁷, G, D⁷, G⁷, and G⁷. Above the third staff are the chords C, G, G⁷, C, F, and C⁷. Above the fourth staff are the chords F, C, F, G⁷, and C. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

1
 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!

2
 O beautiful for pilgrim feet
 Whose stern impassioned stress,
 A thoroughfare for freedom beat
 Across the wilderness!
 America! America!
 God mend thine every flaw,
 Confirm thy soul in self-control,
 Thy liberty in law!

3
 O beautiful for heroes proved
 In liberating strife,
 Who more than self their country love
 And mercy more than life!
 America! America!
 May God thy gold refine
 Till all success be nobleness,
 And every gain divine!

4
 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!

5
 Oh beautiful for halcyon skies
 For amber waves of grain
 For purple mountain majesties
 Above the enameled plain!
 America! America!
 God shed His grace on thee,
 Till souls wax fair as earth and air
 And music-hearted sea!

6
 Oh beautiful for glory-tale
 Of liberating strife,
 When once and twice for man's avail
 Men lavished precious life!
 America! America!
 God shed His grace on thee,
 Till selfish gain no longer strain
 The banner of the free!