

America, the Beautiful

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress
 3 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in li - be - ra - ting strife,
 4 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
 a tho - rough - fare for free - dom beat a - cross the wil - der - ness!
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!
 thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - me - ri - ca! A - me - ri - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - me - ri - ca! A - me - ri - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
 A - me - ri - ca! A - me - ri - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
 A - me - ri - ca! A - me - ri - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea!
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law!
 till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - ery gain di - vine!
 and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea!

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