

5. America, the Beautiful

This is a worth Addition to our patriotic songs. The author is professor of English in Wellesly College. The Music, which is the well-known hymn tune "Materna." Was composed by an American, who died in 1903.. This hymn to America should be sung with fervor and devotion, the refrain, "American, America," being especially marked.

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

5 pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain. A - mer - i ca! A -

10 mer - i - ca! God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with

14 bro - ther - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.

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

3. O beautiful for glorious tale
Of liberating strife,
When valiantly for man's avail
Men lavish precious life.
America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And ev'ry man divine.

4. O beautiful for patriot's 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.



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