

America the Beautiful

American patriotic song

Music by Samuel A. Ward (1882)

Lyrics by Katharine Lee Bates (1895)



Verse 1

[B ♭] O beautiful for [F] spacious skies

For [Cm7] amber [F7] waves of [B ♭] grain [F7]

[B ♭] For purple mountain [F] majesties

A[G7]bove the fruited [F11]plain [F7]

A[B ♭]merica! [Cm7]Ameri[F7]ca!

God shed His grace on [B ♭]thee

[B ♭ 7]And [E ♭]crown thy good with [B ♭]brotherhood

From [Cm7]sea to [F7]shining [B ♭]sea

Verse 2

[B ♭ add9] O beautiful [Bdim7]for [Cm11]pilgrim [F/C]feet

[Bdim7]Whose [Cm7]stern, im[F9]pas[Faug]sioned [B ♭]stress [Bdim][Cm7]

[Faug]A [B ♭]thoroughfare for [F]freedom beat

[G7]Across the wilder[F11]ness [F7]

A[B ♭]merica! A[F11]merica!

God [F7/A]mend thine [F9]every [B ♭]flaw

[B ♭ /D]Con[E ♭]firm thy soul in [B ♭ /F]self-control

Thy [Cm7]liber[F9]ty [F7]in [B ♭]law

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