

America the Beautiful

new lyric and arrangement by Noel Paul Stookey(2011), original music by Samuel Ward (1882), original lyric by Katharine Lee Bates (1895), published as *America the Beautiful* in 1910)

*F*_(¼) *F#dim7*_(¼) *C7* *Gm7*_(½) *C7*_(½) *F*_(¼) *F#dim7*_(¼) *C7*_(½)
 O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
*F*_(¼) *Fm6*_(¼) *C* *Cdim7*_(¼) *C*_(¼) *Dm*_(¼) *G7*_(¼) *C*_(¼) *G7*_(¼) *C7*_(½)
 For purple mountain majesties, a bove the fruit ed plain!
*F*_(½) *Am7*_(¼) *Fdim7*_(¼) *Gm7*_(½) *C7*_(¼) *Gm7*_(¼) *C7*_(½) *Bb*_(¼) *C7*_(¼) *F*_(¼) *Bb*_(¼) *F7*_(½)
 America! A meri ca! God shed His grace on thee
*Bb*_(¾) *Fdim7*_(¼) *F*_(½) *Dm7*_(½) *Gm*_(½) *C*_(¼) *C7*_(¼) *F*
 And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shin ing sea!
*Bb*_(½) *Gm7*_(¼) *C7*_(¼) *F*_(hold)

Oh, nation of the immigrant, the slave and native son
 Whose loyal families labor still that we may live as one
 America, America, renew thy founder's call
 Let liberty and justice be the right of one and all

Oh bountiful of forest green, of lake and fertile lands
 Where seeds of hope are tended by Thy sons and daughters hands
 America, America, the earth still calls to thee
 Where human life and nature strive to live in harmony

Original poem Katharine Lee Bates

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!

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.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife
 Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life
 America! America! May God thy gold refine
 Til all success be nobleness and ev'ry gain divine.

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.