America the Beautiful

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1. O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
   For purple mountain majesties Above thy 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,
   Thine alabaster cities gleam, Undimmed by human tears!
   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,
   Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life!
   America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
   And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea.