America the Beautiful

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
   For purple mountain majesties Above thy fruited plain!

2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern, impassioned stress
   A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the wilderness!

3. O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife,
   Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life!

4. 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,
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,

And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea.
Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law.
Till all success be nobleness, And every gain divine.
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea.

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