



## **AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL**

*(Lyrics -Katharine Lee Bates, Music-Samuel Augustus Ward, Arr. Mark Hayes  
Performed by St. John's Cathedral Choir and Orchestra, Donald Pearson, conductor,  
from the Delos album  
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***(slowly with Love – imagine America as you want it to be!)***

America – America – America – America –  
AMERICA

1. 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!

***(quick interlude, then sing)***

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!

*(listen carefully HERE –sung slowly with great feeling)*

3.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,  
Till all success be nobleness  
and every gain Divine!

*(music interlude builds for final verse – SEE AMERICA  
AS YOU WANT IT TO BE)*

4.O beautiful for patriot dream,  
that sees beyond the years  
Thine alabaster cities gleam  
undimmed by human tears!  
*(key changes upwards)*

America! America!  
God shed His Grace on Thee  
and Crown Thy Good with Brotherhood

**SLOWLY:** From Sea to Shining Sea! **A- MER-  
I- CA!**