O beautiful for spacious skies Hymnal 1982 no. 719 Melody: Materna D.C.M.



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 heroes proved

in liberating strife,

who more than self their country loved,

and mercy more than life!

America! America!

God mend thine every flaw,

confirm thy soul in self-control,

thy liberty in law.

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!

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