

The Hymnal 1982 - #719 O beautiful for spacious skies

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - ci - ous skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!  
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!  
 thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,  
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.  
 and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

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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.

2 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.

3 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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