

America the Beautiful

SATB

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Lyrics by Katherine Lee Bates
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The musical score is arranged for SATB choir and piano. It begins with a piano introduction in B-flat major, 4/4 time, with a tempo of quarter note = 90. The piano part features a melody in the right hand and accompaniment in the left hand, marked *mp*. The vocal parts enter at measure 6. The Soprano (SA) part has a rest for the first five measures. The Tenor (TB) part begins with the lyrics: "Oh, beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of grain, For pur - ple moun - tain". The Alto part enters at measure 12 with the lyrics: "maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on". The Bass part has a *div.* (divisi) marking at measure 12. The piano accompaniment continues throughout, with dynamics ranging from *mp* to *mf*. The score concludes at measure 18 with the lyrics: "thee, And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea. Oh, beau - ti - ful for".

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24
 pil - grim feet, Whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress *div.* A thor - ough - fare of free - dom beat A -

29
 cross the wil - der - ness! *f* A - mer - ica! A - mer - ica! God mend thine ev - 'ry
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry *div.*

34
 flaw, flaw, Con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law. *mf*

39
 with feeling *p* Oh, beau - ti - ful for
rit.

44
he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife, Who more than self their coun - try loved, And

49
mer - cy more than life! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re -
cresc. *f*

54
fine, Till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, And ev - 'ry gain di - vine.

59
SA: *mf* Oh, beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream That sees be - yond the years Thine al - a - bas - ter
TB:

rit.

65 *div.* *cresc.* *f* **descant:** A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God
cit - ies gleam, Un - dimmed by hu - man tears! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God

70 *ff* shed his grace on thee, And *ff* crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing
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75 *fff* *rit.* sea. A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca!
sea. A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca!

4 *fff* *rit.* *8vb*