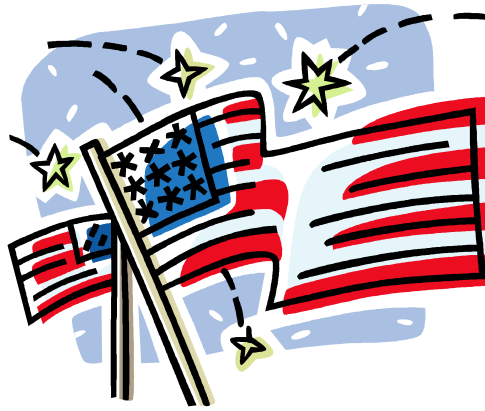




America the Beautiful

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*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 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.*

*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.*

*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.*