America the Beautiful

With dignity  \( \frac{4}{4} = 84–100 \)

1. Oh, beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, For am-ber waves of grain,
   For pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties A-bove the fruit-ed plain!

2. Oh, beau-ti-ful for pil-grim feet, Whose stern, im-pas-sioned stress
   A thor-ough-fare of free-dom beat A-cross the wil-der-ness!

3. Oh, beau-ti-ful for he-ros proved In lib-er-at-ing strife,
   Who more than self their coun-try loved, And mer-cy more than life!

4. Oh, beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream That sees be-yond the years
   Thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies 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-’ry flaw,
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine,
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,

And crown thy good with broth-er-hood From sea to shin-ing sea.
Con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, Thy lib-er-ty in law.
Till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness, And ev-’ry gain di-vine.
And crown thy good with broth-er-hood From sea to shin-ing sea.

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