

# 641 - America, the Beautiful

KATHARINE LEE BATES

Key: B $\flat$  major (w/ opt. modulation to C major)  
Meter: 4/4

SAMUEL A. WARD  
Last stanza setting and choral ending  
by David Hamilton

INTRO **E $\flat$**  | **B $\flat$**  | **E $\flat$**  **F7sus F7** | **B $\flat$**

VERSE 1 **B $\flat$**  **F/C** **F/C F** **B $\flat$  F7**  
O | beautiful for | spacious skies, For | amber waves of | grain,  
**B $\flat$**  **F/C** **F/C C7** **F**  
For | purple mountain | majesties A- | bove the fruited | plain!  
**B $\flat$**  **C7sus F B $\flat$  F E $\flat$  F7 B $\flat$**   
A- | merica! A- | meri- ca! God | shed His grace on | thee,  
**E $\flat$**  **B $\flat$**  **E $\flat$  F7sus F7 B $\flat$**   
And | crown thy good with | brotherhood From | sea to shin- ing | sea!

TURN-AROUND **E $\flat$  Cm7** | **F7sus F7** | **B $\flat$**

VERSE 2 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!

VERSE 3 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!

VERSE 4 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!

OPT.  
MOD.**E<sup>b</sup>m B<sup>b</sup> | Dm F | E | F# | G | F**

VERSE 4

**G7sus C Em F**

O | beautiful for | patriot dream

**F Em7 Dm7**

That | sees, beyond the | years,

**C Em G**

Thine | ala- baster | cities gleam,

**F# G A Dm7**

Un- | dimmed by human | tears!

**G7 C Em7 D7 Dm7 G7**

A- | meri- ca! A- | meri- ca!

**Gsus Dm7 G7 Gm7**

God | shed His grace on | thee,

**F A<sup>b</sup> C**

And | crown thy good with | brotherhood

**Dm7 G7 C**

From | sea to shining | sea!

OPT. CHORAL  
ENDING**A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> C**

| A- | mer-ica!

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 Capo 3: G major (w/ opt. modulation to A major)  
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INTRO **C | G | C D7sus D7 | G**

VERSE 1

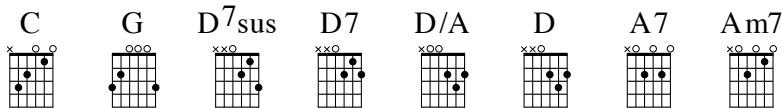
<b>G</b>	<b>D/A</b>	<b>D/A D</b>	<b>G D7</b>
O   beautiful for	spacious skies, For	amber waves of	grain,
<b>G</b>	<b>D/A</b>	<b>D/A A7</b>	<b>D</b>
For   purple mountain	majesties A-	bove the fruited	plain!
<b>G</b>	<b>D7sus D G</b>	<b>D C D7</b>	<b>G</b>
A-   merica! A-	meri- ca! God	shed His grace on	thee,
<b>C</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>C D7sus D7</b>	<b>G</b>
And   crown thy good with	brotherhood From	sea to shin-	ing   sea!

TURN-AROUND **C Am7 | D7sus D7 | G**

VERSE 2  
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OPT.  
MOD.

**Cm G | Bm D | C# | Eb | E | D**

VERSE 4

**E7sus A C#m D**

O | beautiful for | patriot dream

**D C#m7 Bm7**

That | sees, beyond the | years,

**A C#m E**

Thine | ala- baster | cities gleam,

**Eb E F# Bm7**

Un- | dimmed by human | tears!

**E7 A C#m7 B7 Bm7 E7**

A- | meri- ca! A- | meri- ca!

**Esus Bm7 E7 Em7**

God | shed His grace on | thee,

**D F A**

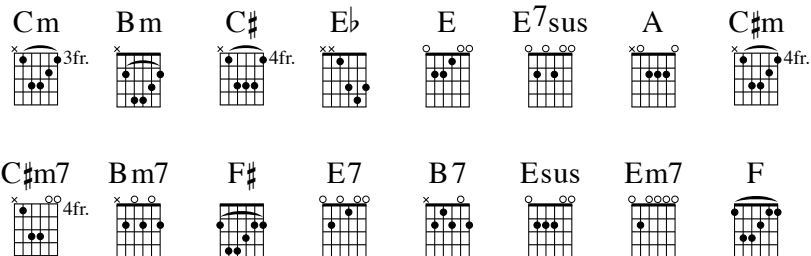
And | crown thy good with | brotherhood

**Bm7 E7 A**

From | sea to shining | sea!

OPT. CHORAL  
ENDING

**F C A**  
| A- | meri- ca!



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TURN-  
AROUND

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