America, the Beautiful, Revisited

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Oh beautiful for spacious skies - For amber waves of grain For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain America, America – Let all of us be free To spread sister & brotherhood From sea to shining sea

Oh beautiful for native tribes Who welcomed to their fold The pilgrims who without them Would have perished from the cold America, America – Where immigrants have thrived Beneath the torch of Liberty That we must keep alive

Oh beautiful our heroes proved – Whose honor was their life The firefighters at the Towers And those who eased the strife America, America – Never forget the power Of hearts that held the light of love Even in our darkest hour

Oh beautiful for patriot dream – To worship as we please The Buddhist, Muslim, Christian, Jew -The Pagan and the Sikh America, America – we share our faiths with thee And all belong to sing your song From sea to shining sea

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