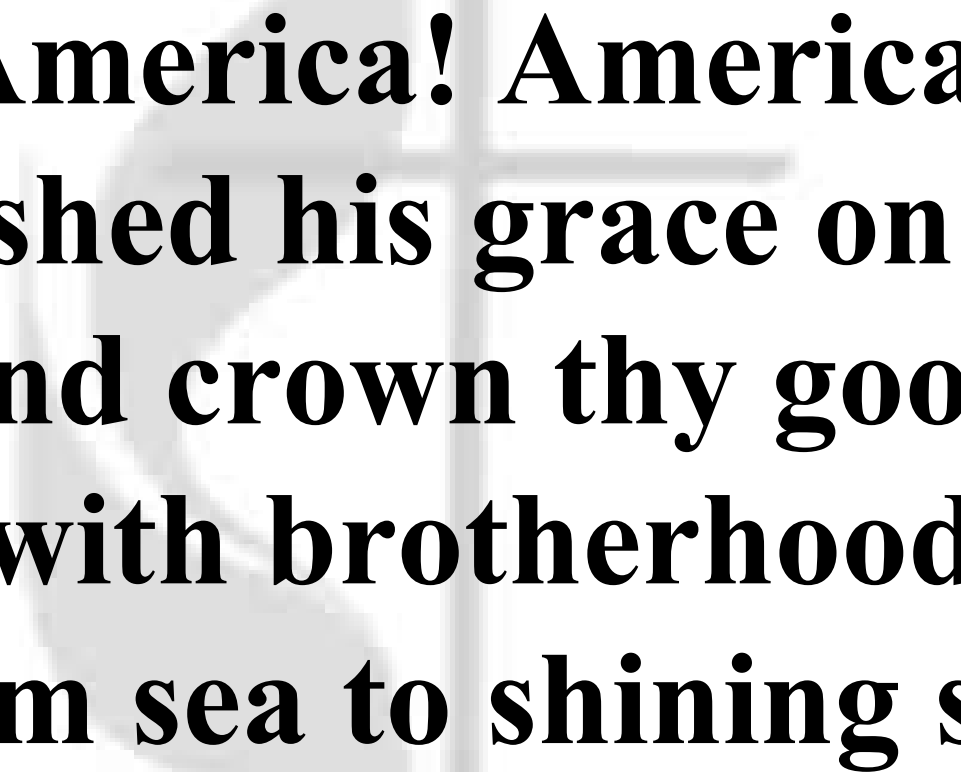


# America the Beautiful

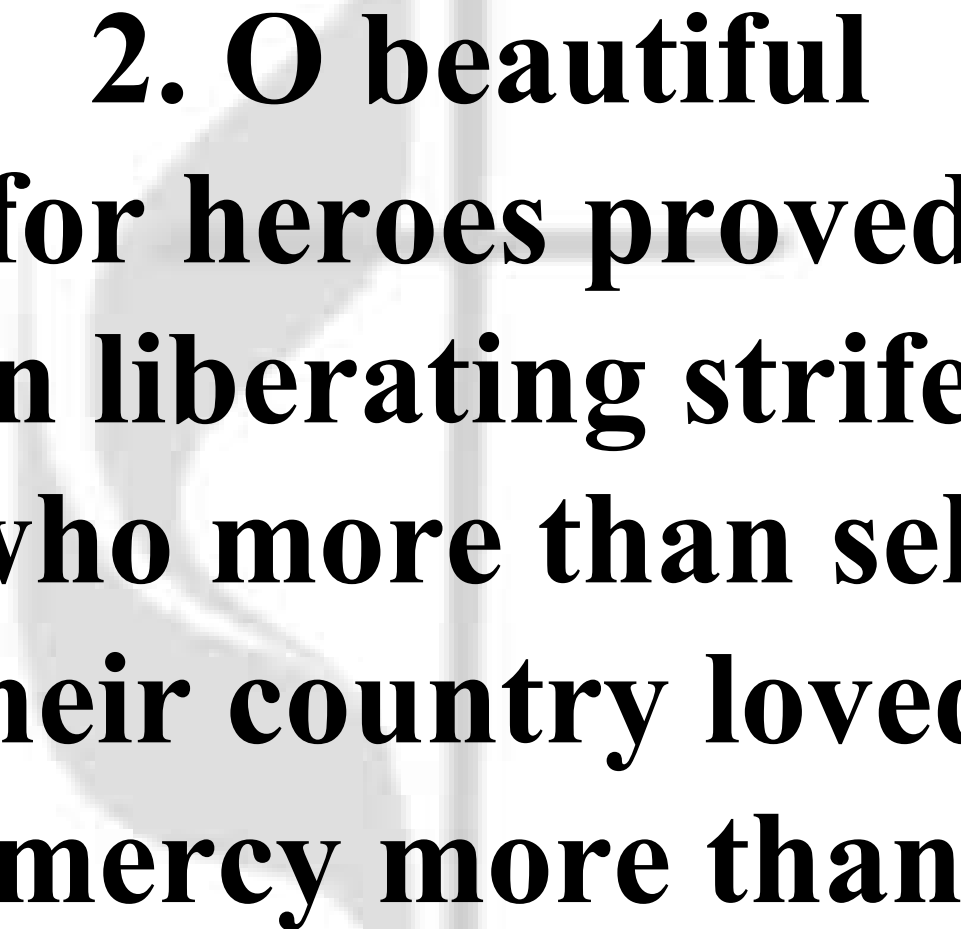
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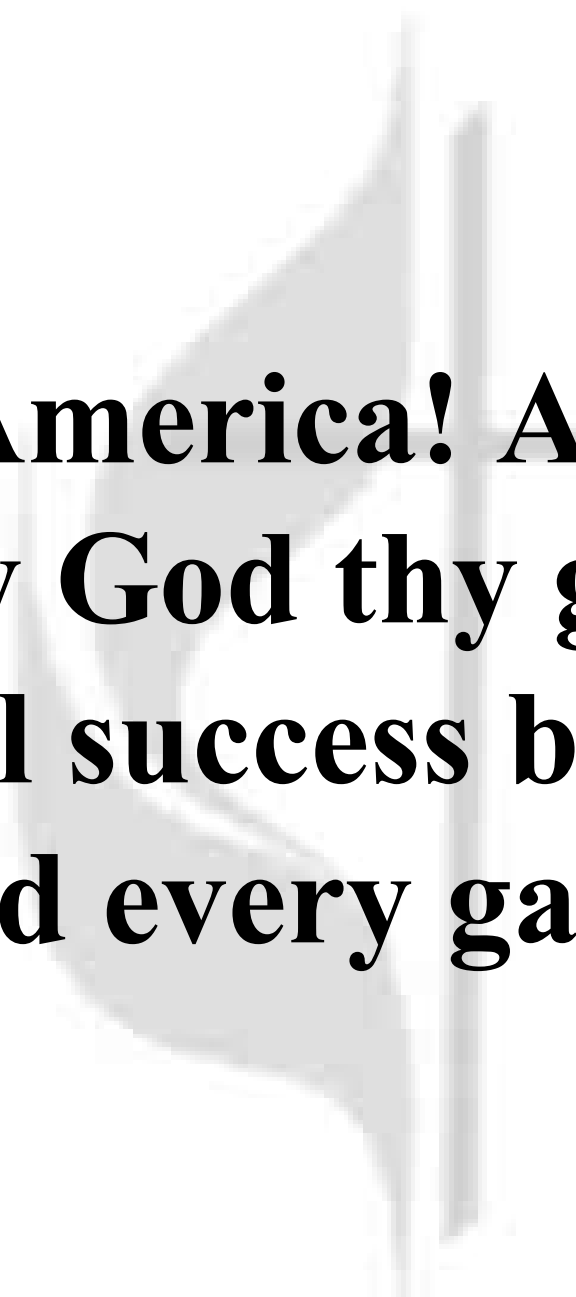
**1. O beautiful  
for spacious skies,  
for amber waves of grain;  
for purple mountain majesties  
above the fruited plain!**



**America! America!**  
**God shed his grace on thee,**  
**and crown thy good**  
**with brotherhood**  
**from sea to shining sea.**

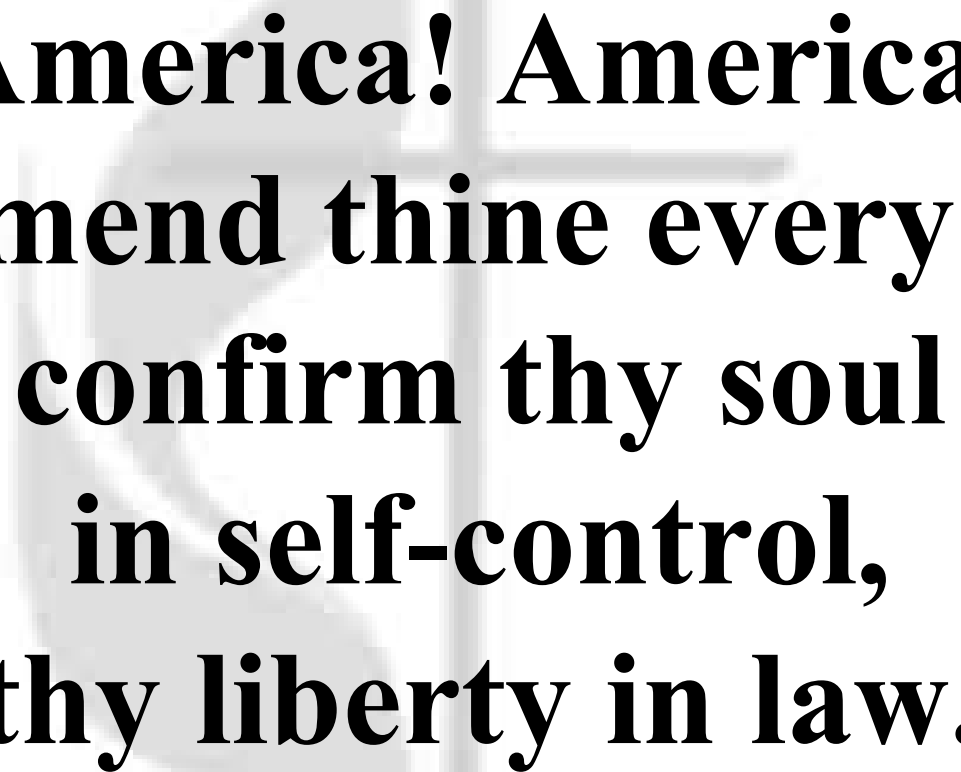


**2. O beautiful  
for heroes proved  
in liberating strife,  
who more than self  
their country loved,  
and mercy more than life!**



**America! America!**  
**May God thy gold refine,**  
**till all success be nobleness,**  
**and every gain divine.**

**3. O beautiful  
for patriot dream  
that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster  
cities gleam,  
undimmed by human tears!**



**America! America!**  
**God mend thine every flaw,**  
**confirm thy soul**  
**in self-control,**  
**thy liberty in law.**