
My Favorite 4th of July Reminder

Posted by Marylb - 2008/07/04 13:11

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America the Beautiful
Lyrics by Katherine Lee Bates;
Music composed by Samuel A. Ward

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For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!

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And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!
O beautiful for pilgrim feet
Whose stern impassion'd stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness.

America! America!
God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes prov'd
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 ev'ry gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears.

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The known lyrics always made me tear up too. I only knew the complete lyrics a few years ago and it still gives me goose bumps.

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ME too!!!!!! :) Thank God we have OUR Freedoms still.....

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Re:My Favorite 4th of July Reminder

Posted by utocoman - 2008/07/04 15:14

I guess you are not aware of what freedoms Bush and company have reduced are you?

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