America the Beautiful

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2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
whose stern impassioned 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.

3. 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.

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