

## A New Lyric for “America the Beautiful”

O beautiful for stony heights,  
From whence to see our land.  
With Constitution, Bill of Rights  
Kept safely close at hand.

America! America!  
Has all your glory past?  
Shall tyranny, not liberty,  
Reign over us at last?

O beautiful for countrymen,  
Who answer at a run.  
See, every one of them has brought,  
His Bible and his gun!

America! America!  
Abandon not your cause.  
Reject the rule of haughty fools,  
Embrace a rule of laws.

Oh beautiful for conflicts found,  
with streets filled up with blood.  
Where every patriot stood his ground,  
And did the best he could.

America! America!  
Your country needs you now.  
Defeat the foe, till all shall know,  
That free men never bow.

O beautiful for children born,  
To fill our thinning ranks.  
Who gain a free and happy home,  
and kneel to give God thanks.

America! America!  
God shed His grace on thee,  
And there inspire a holy fire,  
To keep your people free.

Louis William Rose  
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