

# *My First* **PATRIOTIC RECORDER BOOK**

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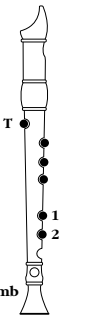
# America

In 1832, Reverend Samuel F. Smith wrote the lyrics to “America,” setting them to the melody of the English anthem, “God Save the King.” Legend has it that he was so inspired to write a

stirring national poem, that he wrote the lyrics in 30 minutes. The first performance was by the children’s choir of Park Street Congregational Church in Boston, July 4th, 1832.


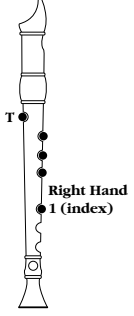
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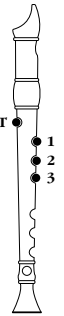
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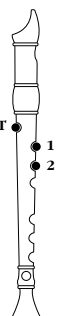



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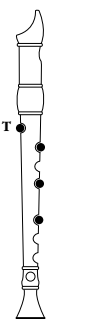
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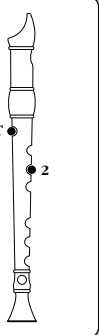
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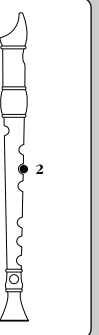
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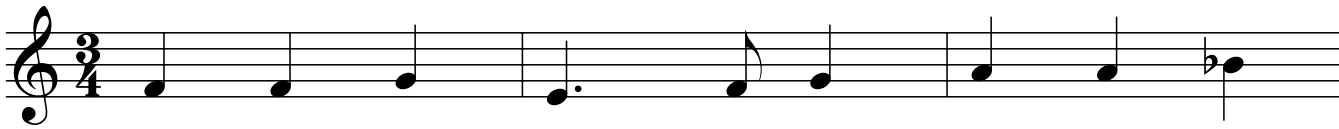
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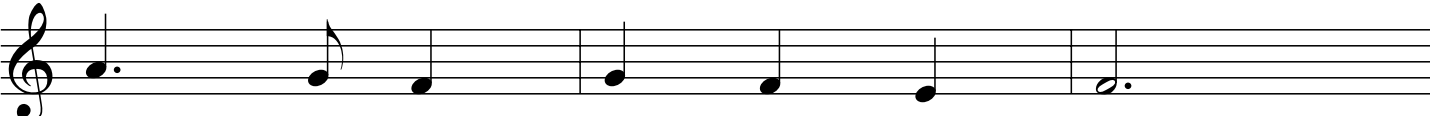



**Words by Samuel F. Smith**  
**Music by Henry Carey**



My coun - try! 'tis of Thee, Sweet Land of

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Lib - er - ty Of thee I sing;



# America the Beautiful

In 1895, Katherine Lee Bates published a poem based upon her experience at the top of Pike's Peak. This poem described "spacious skies" and "purple mountain majesties." In 1904, she published the current lyrics without any music.

These lyrics were later set to the hymn "Materna" by Samuel Ward. Although there were many attempts to set these lyrics to new music, the version set to the music of "Materna" is the one we know today.

Words by Katherine Lee Bates  
Music by Samuel A. Ward

*p* O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For

3 am - ber waves of grain, For pur - ple moun - tain

6 maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed

8 plain! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God

11 shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with

14 broth - er - hood, From sea to shin - ing sea!

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 the soul in self control,  
Thy liberty in law!

3. 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!

4. 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!