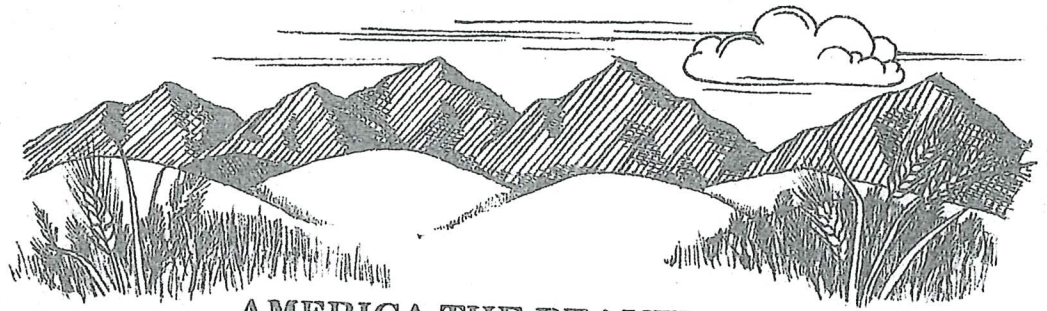


The magnificent view from Pike's Peak in Colorado inspired Bates, an English teacher, to write this poem. The melody was originally a hymn.



AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

Katharine Lee Bates, 1893

Samuel A. Ward, 1882

1. O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, For
 am-ber waves of grain, For pur-ple moun-tain
 maj-es-ties A-bove the fruit-ed plain! A-
 mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed His
 grace on thee, And crown thy good with
 broth-er-hood From sea to shin-ing sea!