

In honor of the 2009 Presidential Inauguration

Dur: 2:30

America the Beautiful

Katherine Lee Bates
1859-1929

SATB Mixed Choir, Narrators and Piano

Samuel A. Ward
1848-1903

Arr. by Mary Ehlinger
ASCAP

Maestoso (♩ = c. 72) **f**

Soprano A -

Alto A -

Tenor

Bass

Maestoso (♩ = c. 72)

Piano **f**

5

S
mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! A -

A
mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! A -

T
f
Spa - cious skies. _____ Pur - ple moun-tain maj - es-ties. A -

B
f
Spa - cious skies. _____ Pur - ple moun-tain maj - es-ties. A -

5

Piano **f**

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8 *allargando* *rit.*

S mer - i - ca! from sea_ to shi - ning sea!

A *allargando* *rit.*

A mer - i - ca! from sea_ to shi - ning sea!

T *allargando* *rit.*

T mer - i - ca! from sea_ to shi - ning sea!

B *allargando* *rit.*

B mer - i - ca! from sea_ to shi - ning sea!

allargando *ff* *rit.*

*(Narrator 1) With malice toward none, with charity for all,

12 **Andante** (♩ = c. 80) *mp*

S Oo

A *mp* Oo

T *mp* Oo

B *mp* Oo

12 **Andante** (♩ = c. 80) *p*

* Taken from Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address, March 4, 1865

72

S A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! And crown thy good with

A shed His grace on thee. And crown thy good with

T shed His grace on thee. And crown thy good with

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

75

S broth - er - hood, A - mer - - - i - - - ca! A -

A broth - erhood, From sea to shi - ning sea, to

T broth - erhood, From sea to shi - ning sea, to

B broth - erhood, From sea to shi - ning sea, to

79

S
mer - i-ca! A - mer - i-ca! Ah!

A
shi-ning sea. A - mer - i-ca! Ah!

T
shi-ning sea. A - mer - i-ca! Ah!

B
shi-ning sea. A - mer - i-ca! Ah!

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America the Beautiful

*O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.*

Vs. 1 of 4 by Katherine L Bates
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Text from President Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address, March 4, 1865

*With malice toward none, with charity for all,
with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right,
let us strive on to finish the work we are in;
to bind up the nation's wounds;
to care for him who shall have borne the battle ,
to do all which may achieve and
cherish a just and lasting peace
among ourselves, and with all nations.*

Mary Ehlinger (bn 8.17.1954) has worked in theatre across the country both as musical director and actress. She is the resident musical director for The Fireside Theatre in Wisconsin. She earned her Master's Degree in Music from Louisiana State University and has composed numerous songs and mini-musicals for special events at Macy's in NYC and stores across the county. Her mini-musical, *Percy, the Poor Little Penguin*, ran at Macy's Puppet Theatre for 5 consecutive holiday seasons (2001-2005) with John Secada recording the theme song. Another, *Moose Crossing*, ran from 2006 through 2008.

Mary lives in New York City with her husband Mark and their two children. Throughout her time in NYC, she remains involved with elementary and middle school children through Arts Connection, an organization that brings musical opportunities to public schools, and as a volunteer chorus teacher for 10 years at her children's elementary school. She is a member of ASCAP.