

MC The Roaring 20's gave way to the "tired 30's" as America spent its time recovering from the previous decade. For the Great Depression was still with us. It was a time when "Brother Can You Spare A Dime" was not only a song, but a valid social comment. It took the New Deal to snap the nation out of its lethargy. And on Armistice Day in 1938 a young gal with a big voice, who had the ear of our country through the new medium of radio, Kate Smith, sang a new song by Irving Berlin which was to point the way of our nation for the next trying decade. "While the storm clouds gather far across the sea, let us swear allegiance to a land that's free."

God Bless America

Barbershop quartet arrangement
by GREG LYNE

Words and Music by
IRVING BERLIN

Intro:

Tenor Lead

Baritone Bass

A - mer-i-ca, A - mer-i-ca, my home, sweet home.

Verse: *freely*

5 While the storm clouds gath - er far a-cross the sea,

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9 Let us swear al - le - giance to a land that's free;

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13 Let us all be grate - ful for a land so fair,

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17 18 19 20

As we raise our voi - ces in a sol - emn pray'r:

This system contains the first four measures of the piece. The music is written for voice and piano in a key with one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "As we raise our voi - ces in a sol - emn pray'r:"

Chorus 1:

21 22 23 24 25 26

God bless A - mer - i - ca, Land that I

This system contains measures 21 through 26. The lyrics are: "God bless A - mer - i - ca, Land that I"

27 28 29 30 31 32

love, Stand be - side her, And guide her through the

This system contains measures 27 through 32. The lyrics are: "love, Stand be - side her, And guide her through the"

33 34 35 36 37 38

night with a light from a - bove; From the moun - tains to the

This system contains measures 33 through 38. The lyrics are: "night with a light from a - bove; From the moun - tains to the"

39 40 41 42 43 44

prai - ries, To the o - ceans white with foam,

This system contains measures 39 through 44. The lyrics are: "prai - ries, To the o - ceans white with foam,"

45 46 47 48 49 50

God bless A - mer - i - ca, My home, sweet

51 52 53 54 55

home. God bless A - mer - i - ca,

56 57 58 59 60

ritard. My home, sweet home, my home. my home.

my home.

Chorus 2: In martial style

61 62 63 64 65 66

God Land

God bless A - mer - i - ca, Land that I

God Land

God Land

67 68 69 70 71 72

love, Stand be - side her, And guide her through the

73 74 75 76 77

From the

night with a light from a - bove. From the moun - tains

From the

From the

moun - tains and prai - ries, And on to the o - ceans white with
 _____ to the prai - ries, _____ To the o - ceans _____ white with
 moun - tains and prai - ries, And on to the o - ceans white with

foam, _____
 foam, _____ God bless A - mer - i - ca, _____
 foam, _____

My home, sweet home. _____ God

bless A - mer - i - ca, _____ My home, _____ sweet
 My home, my own sweet

home. A - mer - i - ca, my home! _____
 home, _____