



Oakmont Presbyterian Church

Veteran's Day Tribute

November 11, 2020

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

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

*2. O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend Thine every flaw,
Confirm Thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!*

Katherine L. Bates and Samuel Ward

*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!*

Poem

The Best on Earth: A Veteran's Day Tribute

by Joanna Fuchs

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

John Bacchus Dykes/arr. Jason W. Krug

*Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee, for those in peril on the sea.*

*O Savior, whose almighty word the wind and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid its rage did sleep:
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee, for those in peril on the sea.*

*O Holy Spirit, who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude,
And bade its angry tumult cease, and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee, for those in peril on the sea.*

*O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee glad praise from air and land and sea.*

- William Whiting

Poem

Take a Moment to Thank A Veteran

by Joanna Fuchs

Armed Forces Medley

Army: *The Army Goes Rolling Along*

arr. Lloyd Larson

Edmond L. Gruber

First to fight for the right, and to build the Nation's might, And the Army goes rolling along.

Proud of all we have done, fighting till the battle's won, and the Army goes rolling along.

Then it's hi! hi! hey! The Army's on its way.

Count off the cadence loud and strong; two, three, four, hut, two, three!

For where'er we go, you will always know that the Army goes rolling along.

Words adapted: H. W. Arberg

Marines: *Marine Corps Hymn*

Jacques Offenbach

From the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli,

We will fight our country's battles in the air, on land and sea.

First, we fight for right and freedom, and to keep our honor clean.

We are proud to claim the title of United States Marines.

Coast Guard: *Semper Paratus*

Capt. Francis S. Van Boskerck

We're always ready for the call, we place our trust in Thee!

Through howling gale and shot and shell to win the victory!

Semper paratus is our guide, our pledge, our motto, too!

We're always ready, do or die. Aye! Coast Guard, we fight for you!

Navy: *Anchors Aweigh!*

Alfred H. Miles, U.S.N. (Ret.) and Charles A Zimmerman

Anchors aweigh, my boys! Anchors aweigh!

Farewell to college joys. We sail at break of day, day, day, day!

Through our last night on shore, hail to the foam!

Until we meet once more, here's wishing you a happy voyage home!

Revised lyric: George D. and Charles Lottman

Air Force: *The U. S. Air Force/Army Air Corps*

Robert Crawford

Off we go into the wild blue yonder, climbing high into the sun.

Here they come, zooming to meet our thunder; At 'em, boys, give her the gun!

Down we dive, spouting our flame from under, off with one terrible roar.

We live in fame or go down in flame, for nothing can stop the U.S. Air Force!

America, the Beautiful

Katherine L. Bates and Samuel Ward

America! America! God shed His grace on Thee!

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, 'til all success be nobleness,

and ev'ry gain divine! America! America!

Poem

Veterans Day

by Cheryl Dyson

Song for the Unsung Hero † (see memorial note below)

Joseph M Martin

*Let us sing for unsung heroes, those who lay their dreams aside.
Choosing honor more than glory, pledging faith with quiet pride.
Those whose uniform is courage, yet are unashamed of tears.
Finding in their love of freedom power stronger than their fears.*

*Sing a song for unsung heroes, sing from sea to shining sea.
As the faithful sang before you, singing the song of liberty.*

*Let us sing for unsung heroes, those who answer freedom's call.
Those united by one purpose, all for one and one for all.
We will sing and not be silenced, we will keep our voices strong,
For as long as we keep singing, freedom's cry will still live on!*

*Sing a song for unsung heroes, sing from sea to shining sea.
As the faithful sang before you, sing the song of liberty.
Sing the song of liberty.*

*My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From ev'ry mountainside, let freedom ring.*

Let us sing the song of freedom, sing the song of liberty, America.

Words: Pamela Martin

†*Song for the Unsung Hero*

Song for the Unsung Hero was donated for Jubilant Praise 2016 in loving memory of Jack Lewis Jr., given by his friends, Wayne and Diane Blackwell.

Participants (in order of appearance):

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