

May 26, 2024 Hymns

## 725. God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

1 God of the ages, whose almighty hand  
leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

2 Thy love divine hath led us in the past,  
in this free land with thee our lot is cast;  
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,  
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

3 From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
thy true religion in our hearts increase,  
thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4 Refresh thy people on our toilsome way,  
lead us from night to never-ending day;  
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,  
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

## 720. 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 full grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with servanthood  
from sea to shining sea.

2 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.

3 O beautiful for patriot dream  
that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam,  
undimmed by human tears!  
America! America!  
God mend thine every flaw,  
confirm thy soul in self-control,  
thy liberty in law.

## 717. Let All Things Now Living

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