

**My Country 'tis of Thee**  
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My country, 'tis of Thee,  
Sweet Land of Liberty  
Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From every mountain side  
Let Freedom ring.

My native country, thee,  
Land of the noble free,  
Thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
Thy woods and templed hills,  
My heart with rapture thrills  
Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze,  
And ring from all the trees  
Sweet Freedom's song;  
Let mortal tongues awake;  
Let all that breathe partake;  
Let rocks their silence break,  
The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God to Thee,  
Author of Liberty,  
To thee we sing,  
Long may our land be bright  
With Freedom's holy light,  
Protect us by thy might  
Great God, our King.

Our glorious Land to-day,  
'Neath Education's sway,  
Soars upward still.  
Its hills of learning fair,  
Whose bounties all may share,  
behold them everywhere  
On vale and hill!

Thy safeguard, Liberty,  
The school shall ever be,

Our Nation's pride!  
No tyrant hand shall smite,  
While with encircling might  
All here are taught the Right  
With Truth allied.

Beneath Heaven's gracious will  
The stars of progress still  
Our course do sway;  
In unity sublime  
To broader heights we climb,  
Triumphant over Time,  
God speeds our way!

Grand birthright of our sires,  
Our altars and our fires  
Keep we still pure!  
Our starry flag unfurled,  
The hope of all the world,  
In peace and light imperled,  
God hold secure!

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