

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of
O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing
O beau - ti - ful for those who heal, who teach and build and
O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees bey - yond the
grain, for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ty a -
strife, who more than self their coun - try loved, and
mend, and serv - ing make their vis - ions real as
years thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un -
bove the fruit - ed plain! A - mer - i - ca! A -
mer - cy more than life! A - mer - i - ca! A -
cit - i - zens and friends! A - mer - i - ca! A -
dimmed by hu - man tears! A - mer - i - ca! A -
mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee, and
mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw, con -
mer - i - ca! May God thy hope re - deem, may
mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee, and
crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.
jus - tice like thy wa - ters roll, com - pas - sion like thy streams!
crown thy good with bro - ther hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

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Host an international exchange student

Bring a student like one of these into your home.

OPEN YOUR DOOR TO THE WORLD-Host Families Needed.

Saying “yes” to hosting an exchange student is a simple act of kindness with an extraordinary ripple effect across families, schools, communities, and beyond. By hosting an AFS exchange student, you will begin to see the world differently. Profiles of available students who have been selected to come to our area are available by going to [afsusa.org](https://www.afsusa.org). Maybe you would like to learn more about culture in Pakistan or want to open your home to a student from Portugal, Germany or South America. Please take a few minutes to look at the student profiles. Any family interested in opening their home to a study abroad student for the 2018-2019 school year should **contact long time local volunteer Nancy Grant, 207 866 4542 or** cgrant@maine.edu. Students will arrive for the school year in mid-August. AFS, is a non-profit organization and an international leader in student exchange for the past 65 years.

Meet Maria from Chile

A sporty girl, Maria's passion is swimming, allowing her the opportunity for personal growth and enrichment. This active and outgoing young lady also participates in Spanish dancing and rhythmic gymnastics. During winter, her family goes skiing. Encouraged by her father's stories, Maria is always inquisitive about the world, its diverse cultures and beliefs, wanting to find out the 'why' of so many things. Close to her friends, she is sweet and transparent, always there for them with love and a listening ear. With four siblings, she has learned that despite differences, family is important.

Meet Filippo from Italy

Outgoing and funny, Filippo's favorite sport is soccer. An all around athlete with many interests, he likes to stay fit and be healthy. He is also an integral part of his soccer team. Filippo enjoys the typical Mediterranean diet that his family eats. He likes school and knows it is important for his future at university. Filippo has done short-term exchanges abroad for the last four years, most recently in Ireland. He enjoyed the opportunity to live with a family and learn about their culture. He looks forward to becoming part of your family and joining in American high school culture!