

# America the Blessed

(Proverbs 14:34)

Unison

The musical score is written for a unison voice and piano accompaniment. It begins with a tempo marking of *majestically* and a metronome marking of  $\text{♩} = 60$ . The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The piano part features a steady accompaniment with some harmonic changes. The vocal line includes lyrics and a final phrase marked *"To His Glory..."*. The score concludes with a *ritard...* and *molto ritard...* marking, followed by two endings: *1. (to Bridge)* and *2. Fine*.

*majestically*  $\text{♩} = 60$  *"To His Glory..."*

*mf*

Lord, rain right-ous-ness on A - mer - i - ca; Now we un - der - stand the ter - ror of Your

with-drawn hand. When we're weighed in the bal - ance of Your hol - i - ness, We're all found

want-ing — in Your eyes. Lord, rain right-ous-ness on A - mer - i - ca; Let her re -

pen - tance be - gin in my own heart; For on - ly then can You be - gin to for -

*ritard...* *molto ritard...* 1. (to Bridge) 2. Fine

give our sin, pur - i - fy us with - in, To be A - mer - i - ca the Blessed. Blessed.

*Slower - with rhythmic freedom to fit the text*

Bridge

Narration begins: *p*

*In Babylon King Belshazzar invited his officers to a feast.*

*As the wine flowed freely, he remembered the cups, taken from the Jewish Temple during the reign of his father, Nebuchadnezzar.*

*While they drank to their idols of gold and silver, there suddenly appeared before them the fingers of a hand, writing on the wall.*

*Belshazzar trembled with fear and sent for astrologers, but none of them could interpret. Then he sent for God's servant, Daniel.*

*"You have not humbled your heart, but have defied the Lord of heaven. You've not glorified the God in whose hand your breath is.*

*His words are 'mene, mene, tekel, parsin' -- and 'tekel' means: 'You are weighed in the balance and are found wanting.' "*

*rit.* D.S. al Fine