



MICHAEL FRANCIS SMITH

AMERICA,
LAND THAT
I LOVE

FOR SATB & PIANO
(OPTIONAL BAND & STRINGS)

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About the Composition

America, Land That I Love is a varied and refreshing combination of American songs including *This Is My Country*, *Simple Gifts*, and *This Land is Your Land*. It is lively, fun and easy to sing along with. It was written for Band and/or Chorus and/or Strings, and it can be played or sung by any ensemble alone with great success. This is the perfect concert finale for the whole music department.

About the Composer

Michael Francis Smith is a composer, teacher, band and choir director, and church worship leader. He has taught instrumental music, from elementary bands up to community bands, ranging in ages from 9 to 90. He is a graduate of Ithaca College where he studied composition with Karel Husa. His Master of Education Degree is in School Administration from Lesley College; for 23 years he was a K-12 Music Department Chair in two Massachusetts school districts. He is one of the founders and conductors of the Abington Community Band.

After 26 years of public school teaching, he is focusing on composing, song and hymn writing, and leading church worship. His music tells a story, finding inspiration in hymns and spirituals, patriotic music, poetry and classic literature. He often combines instrumental and vocal scores to be used by any combination of band, chorus and orchestra, or to be played or sung successfully by any ensemble alone, providing versatility for ensembles and opportunities for concert finales.

Mr. Smith is the Director of Music at Christ Chapel in Centerville, Massachusetts. He will complete a Doctor of Ministry in Worship Studies in June 2016 from the Robert E. Webber Institute of Worship Studies in Orange Park, Florida. He lives on Cape Cod in Massachusetts with his wife, Janice, and their two children, Sean and Colleen. .

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Including *This Is My Country*, *Simple Gifts*, and *This Land Is Your Land*

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Majestic ♩ = 76

f tutti

Soprano
Alto

God bless A - mer - i - ca. It's the land that I

Tenor
Bass

f tutti

God bless A - mer - i - ca. It's the land that I

Piano

f

5 rit. **A** Faster ♩ = 100
This Is My Country

love.

mp *tutti*

love. This is my coun - try! Land of my choice!

rit. **A** Faster ♩ = 100

mp

10 *mp*
SA

This is my coun - try! Hear my proud voice!

14 *mf* *f* *tutti*

I pledge thee my al - le - giance A - mer - i ca the bold. For

mf *f* *tutti*

I pledge al - le - giance A - mer - i - ca the bold. For

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this is my coun - try to have and to hold.

this is my coun - try to have and to hold.

p

22 **B** Slow and Lyrical ♩ = 64
Simple Gifts *p* *tutti*

'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the

p *tutti*

Gift, the _____ gift, the _____

B Slow and Lyrical ♩ = 64