



MICHAEL FRANCIS SMITH

**AMERICA,
LAND THAT
I LOVE**

**FOR BAND
(OPTIONAL CHORUS & 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. .

America, Land That I Love

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

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Majestic ♩ = 76 *f* rit. **A** "This Is My Country" Faster ♩ = 92

Soprano Alto
Tenor Bass

Flute
Oboe
Bassoon

Clarinet in B♭ 1
Clarinet in B♭ 2
Bass Clarinet

Alto Sax.
Tenor Sax.
Baritone Sax.

Trumpet in B♭ 1
Trumpet in B♭ 2
Horn in F

Trombone 1
Trombone 2
Euphonium
Tuba

Timpani
Xylophone
Percussion 1
Percussion 2

God bless A - mer - i - ca. It's the land that I love. This is my coun - try! Land of my

f *mp* *p*

f sus.cym.

triangle

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mp *mf* *f*

S A This is my coun-try! Hear my proud voice! I pledge thee my al - le - giance A - mer - i - ca the

T B choice! I pledge al - le - giance A - mer - i - ca the

Fl.

Ob.

Bsn.

B♭ Cl. 1

B♭ Cl. 2

B. Cl.

A. Sx.

T. Sx.

B. Sx.

B♭ Tpt. 1

B♭ Tpt. 2

Hn.

Tbn. 1

Tbn. 2

Euph.

Tuba

Timp.

Xyl.

Perc. 1

Perc. 2

mp *mf* *f*

S A
bold. For this is my coun-try to have and to hold. Tis the

T B
bold. For this is my coun-try to have and to hold.

Fl. *mp*

Ob. *p*

Bsn. *p*

B♭ Cl. 1 *mp*

B♭ Cl. 2 *mp*

B. Cl. *p*

A. Sx. *p*

T. Sx. *p*

B. Sx. *p*

B♭ Tpt. 1 *p*

B♭ Tpt. 2 *p*

Hn. *p*

Tbn. 1 *p*

Tbn. 2 *p*

Euph. *p*

Tuba *p*

Timp. *p*

Xyl. *f* *ff*

Perc. 1 *ff* *f* crash cym. triangle