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## AFRICA :

### A Negro Patriotic Hymn.

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#### I.

Our country 'tis of thee,  
Dear land of Africa,  
Of thee we sing;  
Land where our fathers died,  
Land of the negroes' pride,  
From every mountain side,  
God's truth shall ring.

#### II.

My native country, thee,  
Land of the black and free,  
Thy name I love;  
To see thy rocks and rills,  
Thy woods and matchless hills! —  
My heart with rapture thrills;  
Like that above.

#### III.

Let music swell the breeze,  
And ring through all thy trees,  
In sacred song;  
Let Afric's tongues awake,  
Let Ham's black sons partake,  
Their shouts the silence break,  
In countless throng.

#### IV.

Jehovah, God, to Thee,  
God of the land and sea,  
To Thee we sing;  
Yet may our land be bright,  
With Thy Son's holy light,  
He'll raise us by His might,  
And be our King.

#### V.

Then when our glorious land,  
Is snatched from Error's hand,  
Saved from above;  
We will ascribe to Thee,  
Throughout eternity,  
Honor and majesty,  
Our God of Love.

Mr. Foyce,

Wish to thank you of  
my adaptation.

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