

# Hope for America



## THE HAND THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE IS THE HAND THAT RULES THE WORLD.

by William Ross Wallace (1819-1881)

BLESSINGS on the hand of women!  
Angels guard its strength and grace.  
In the palace, cottage, hovel,  
Oh, no matter where the place;  
Would that never storms assailed it,  
Rainbows ever gently curled,  
For the hand that rocks the cradle  
Is the hand that rules the world.

Infancy's the tender fountain,  
Power may with beauty flow,  
Mothers first to guide the streamlets,  
From them souls unresting grow—  
Grow on for the good or evil,  
Sunshine streamed or evil hurled,  
For the hand that rocks the cradle  
Is the hand that rules the world.

Woman, how divine your mission,  
Here upon our natal sod;  
Keep—oh, keep the young heart open  
Always to the breath of God!  
All true trophies of the ages  
Are from mother-love impearled,  
For the hand that rocks the cradle  
Is the hand that rules the world.

Blessings on the hand of women!  
Fathers, sons, and daughters cry,  
And the sacred song is mingled  
With the worship in the sky—  
Mingles where no tempest darkens,  
Rainbows evermore are hurled;  
For the hand that rocks the cradle  
Is the hand that rules the world.

**Video #1: Hope for America**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kRzCRJTSgUE&t=5s>

Watch the following video, and answer the discussion questions



**Video #2: Heal Our Land**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mM4JvbhBT\\_g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mM4JvbhBT_g)

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**Scriptures:**

2 Chronicles 7:14, Isaiah 61:1, 2 Corinthians 3:17

## Discussion Questions

- ★ *What video/reading from the lesson today inspired you the most?*
- ★ *What did you find empowering about the video "Hope for America"?*
- ★ *Do you find the responsibility intimidating to any degree? Why or why not?*
- ★ *What did you like about the song "Heal Our Land" or what thoughts and feelings did you have as you listened to it?*
- ★ *How does understanding the role of women and God's role in healing America bring you hope?*
- ★ *What does He expect of us in our role and what has He promised us in return?*
- ★ *Why is learning about America and her divinely inspired constitution important to you?*
- ★ *What can we do in moments of real feelings of despair to gently remind ourselves there is still reason to hope?*