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### **For the Good Says the Janitor**

Legally, says the janitor  
this is my America  
and those who walk on it  
I treat good and square  
as these tiles, as if to be  
quite clean.

## **An American Janitor**

This is who I am, says the  
janitor  
America with a dream  
I take a broom and dust mop  
and sweep the  
light clean, a wooden  
floor  
as if to shine from sea to  
sea  
my nation's and my  
prosperity  
where freedom and liberty  
are in the very grain.

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