

America The Beautiful

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Recorded by Ray Charles, 1961

D7 G Em Edim Am7 D7 C C/B Am7 D7 G Edim D7  
O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,

D7 G Em Edim Am7 D7 Fdim D7 E7 A7 D7  
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!

G D7 D9 C D7 Am7 D9 Am7 D D7 G GM7 G7  
America! A - merica! God shed His grace on thee,

Fdim C Am7 G G/F# Em  
And crown thy good with broth - er - hood

D7 C Am7 D D7 G Em7 D7  
From sea to shining sea!

D7 G Em Edim Am7 D7 C C/B Am7 D7 G Edim D7  
O beautiful for pilgrim feet whose stern im - passion'd stress

D7 G Em Edim Am7 D7 Fdim D7 E7 A7 D7  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wil - der - ness.

G D7 D9 C D7 Am7 D9 Am7 D D7 G GM7 G7  
America! A - merica! God mend thine ev' - ry flaw,

Fdim C Am7 G G/F# Em D7 C Am7 D D7 G Em7 D7  
Confirm thy soul in self - control, thy lib - er - ty in law.

D7 G Em Edim Am7 D7 C C/B Am7 D7 G Edim D7  
O beautiful for patriot dream that sees be - yond the years

D7 G Em Edim Am7 D7 Fdim D7 E7 A7 D7  
Thine al-a-bas-ter cities gleam un - dim'd by hu - man tears.

G D7 D9 C D7 Am7 D9 Am7 D D7 G GM7 G7  
America! A - merica! God shed His grace on thee,

C Am7 G G/F# Em  
And crown thy good with broth - er - hood

D7 C Am7 D D7 G  
From sea to shining sea!