

**America the Beautiful** - Ray Charles // 1972 // key: F (+2 from Eb)

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**F** **-F#dim7 C7**  
1. O beautiful for heroes proved,  
**F#dim7 Gm7 F(-F#dim7)-C/G(-C7)**  
In liberating strife  
**F F#dim7 C7**  
Who more than self our country loved  
**C D7 C7(-C7/D-C7/E-C7)**  
And mercy more than life!

**F(-Am7-G#dim7) Gm7-C7**  
*Chorus:* America, America  
**C7/D C7/E C7 C7/D C7/E F(-F7)**  
May God thy gold refine  
**Bb F Gm7 C7 F-F#dim7-C7**  
Till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!  
(when I was in school, we used to sing it something like this)

**F F#dim7 C7**  
2. O beautiful for spacious skies,  
**F#dim7 Gm7 C7 F(-F#dim7)-C/G(-C7)**  
for amber waves of grain  
**F F#dim7 C7**  
For purple mountain majesties  
**C D7 C7(-C7/D-C7/E-C7)**  
above the fruited plain  
(now wait a minute, I'm talking about)

**F(-Am7-G#dim7) Gm7-C7**  
*Chorus:* America, America  
**C7/D C7/E C7 C7/D C7/E F(-F7)**  
God shed his grace on thee  
**Bb F**  
And crowned thy good, yes he did, in a brotherhood  
**Gm7 C7 F-F#dim7-C7**  
from sea to shining sea!  
**F(-Am7-G#dim7) Gm7-C7**  
Group: America, America (America, I love you America)  
**C7/D C7/E C7 C7/D C7/E F(-F7)**  
Group: God shed his grace on thee  
**Bb F**  
He crowned thy good—he told me he would—in a brotherhood  
**Gm7 C7 F**  
Everyone: from sea to shining sea!