



YOUR SUMMER QUARTERLY GIFT HAS ARRIVED, L.I.F.E. MUSIC MAKERS!

We hope everyone has been having a wonderful year! This quarterly gift will have everybody ready to celebrate July and the summer! In an arrangement done by Lowrey Product Specialist Bil Curry, “America the Beautiful” is one the best known American patriotic songs. The lyrics were written by Katharine Lee Bates, and the music was composed by church organist and choirmaster, Samuel A. Ward, at Grace Episcopal Church in Newark, New Jersey. Bates originally wrote the words as a poem called "Pikes Peak", first published in the Fourth of July edition of Grace Episcopal Church’s periodical, *The Congregationalist*, in 1895. At that time, the poem was titled "America" for publication.

Ward had originally composed the music, which he called "Materna", for the hymn "O Mother dear, Jerusalem" in 1882. Ward's music and Bates’s poem was first combined and published in 1910; titled “America the Beautiful”. In the one hundred-plus years that have passed since the song was written, there have been efforts to give “America the Beautiful” legal status either as a national hymn or as a national anthem equal to, or in place of, “The Star-Spangled Banner”, but so far this has not succeeded.

This is just one of the many benefits of being a member of L.I.F.E.! We hope you enjoy your gift!

Musically yours,
The L.I.F.E. TEAM

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

Style: Patriotic Ballad / Tempo: 76 / Setup: 0 (Vintage)

Other: Grand March or Basic March / Tempo: 76 / Setup: 0

Katherine Lee Bates

Samuel Ward
arr. Bil Curry

C Last Bar of Intro

Intro

1 2 Ready Play!

C **C#dim** **G7** **Dm7** **G7**

C **C#dim** **G7** **C** **C#dim**

G7 **A7** **D** **D7** **G7**

C **Em7** **Dm7** **G7**

C **FILL** **C7** **F** **Ebdim** **C**

Dm7 **G7** **C** **FILL**

C C#dim G7 Dm7 G7

C C#dim G7 C C#dim G7

A7 D D7 G7 C Em7

Dm7 G7 C FILL C7

F Ebdim C

Dm7 G7 C Transpose # Turn Upper Harmony On

C C#dim G7 Dm7 G7

C C#dim G7 C C#dim

G7 A7

D D7 G7 C Em7

Dm7 G7

C FILL C7 F Ebdim

C Dm7 G7

C *FILL* G⁷ C Em⁷

Dm⁷ G⁷

C *FILL* C⁷ F Ebdim

C Dm⁷ G⁷

Ending starts! If "Patriotic Ballad",
then play along with the Ending.
Turn off the Upper Harmony button.

C **Press Ending**