

Mat Kearney "Girl America"

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My girl America is just a youth in this world Her smile is more precious than the sparkle of pearls And though her age reads she's just a young girl The age behind her eyes show the pain that she's swirled

Through the hand that's been dealt though it's quiet as kept

The weight was all felt last night when she slept And as she crept into the dreams of the things of her past

Seems to have grown so fast, way beyond her own class

Though they're right there with her, her brothers and her sisters

A natural born leader even when her peers diss her My girl. she's at a crossroads, people praying for her Some are preying on her magazine ads, sex, drama

Smoking Marijuana, longing for a father to call her "daughter"

She's part of a generation longing for reconciliation And this future that they're facing And this poison that they're tasting My girl, I know this love that you're chasing

My girl America's crying when she's lying on her bed at night

I can see that she's screaming When she's dreaming for her freedom My girl America's dying while she's trying just to stop this fight

Boys with hungry eyes have been beating her door Telling her that's what she's for, trying to rob her core Then leave calling her a whore, but still she knows there's more

I know she knows there's more Because there's a voice she can't ignore

Don't stop believing, my girl America

'Cause it was founded in the foundations
From the day of her creation
In God we trust engraved on the treasures of her
nation
And the void that the boys can't fill
With the tipping of the bottle and the popping of the pill

But still most of her friends don't care as they glare Ready to drown down the funnel as they frown down the tunnel

As they stumble and they tumble breaking down into rubble

My girl America, stop can't you see?
It's not the circumstances that determine who you're gonna be
But how you deal with these problems
And pains that come your way
It's for you that I pray with hope for a brighter day
So I say, your deliverance is coming

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Faith like a child from your first birth You left it in the dirt on your worst hurt And I see each tear and every scar The hands that have held you where you are

And I can see we've strayed so far A king born under that morning star As a crown of thorns was placed to erase Each tear that's touched your face

And his palms and sides were pierced with spears He hung in love just to draw you near My girl, out of this world Can't you see this is where we started?

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