

Mat Kearney

"My 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

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, hers 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

[Chorus]

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

Don't stop believing, girl America

Boys with hungry eyes have been beating her door

Telling her that's what's she's for, trying to rob her at
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 adore

Cause it was founded in the foundations, from the day
of her creation

"In God we trust" engraved in the treasures of her
nation

And the void the boys can't fill

With the tippin' of the bottle or the poppin' of the pill

But still most of her friends don't care as they glare

Ready to drown the funnel as they frown down the
tunnel

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 comin'

[Chorus]

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

[Chorus 2x]

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He hung in love just to draw you near
My girl, out of this whole world
Can't you see this is where we started
Where we started, where we started, my girl America

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