

Performance Time: ca. 4'45

Program note

The song 'How Beautiful You Are!' is a declaration of love.

It can be sung to either a woman or a man.

While the qualities of the beloved are listed in contemplative praise, the promise to be there in difficult times is made with tenderness and sincerity.

As we are enveloped in this loving tranquility, the voices of the choir intensify until they reach a second theme, one that is more marked and determined. This sequence entitled '**The French Dream**', introduces us to a more mysterious and dreamlike atmosphere, straight out of our childhood fairy tales.

Then, as if we had fallen asleep for a moment, the words "Beautiful! Beautiful!" resound once again, bringing us back to a reassuring reality.

Performance note

The Declaration

This first theme is set out simply, beginning with the words: "*How beautiful you are!*"...

The French Dream

This second theme in F Major has one divisi per section.

Pronounce Tralalala in the French manner (Tra-la-la-la).

In its original setting, the French Dream is sung in French even if the rest of the song is in English.

"If the singers struggle with the French lyrics, an alternative is to sing the French Dream sequence in English as shown in the subtitles - even if I prefer the French version" (dixit the composer).

Back to reality

HOW BEAUTIFUL YOU ARE

ANTHONY SYLVESTRE

The Declaration

How beautiful you are!
How beautiful, how wonderful,
Look how gorgeous you are!
I want to spend my life
Walking here by your side.
How beautiful, how beautiful...

When you feel cold at night,
I will come warm you up and cover you.
When you're scared in the dark,
I will come close to you
And hold you in my arms.

You are so beautiful!
You are so beautiful! Beautiful!

The French Dream

Tralalala, lalala, lalala...
Promenons-nous dans les bois ! Tralalala !
Mais ne nous perdons pas ! Tralalala !
Le loup rôde par là ! tralalala !
Ne nous attardons pas ! Tralalala !
Il est passé par là !
Revenons sur nos pas !
Ce n'est qu'un rêve, je crois...

Back to reality

Beautiful! Beautiful!
How beautiful you are!
How beautiful, how wonderful,
Look how gorgeous you are!
How beautiful, how wonderful you are!
You are so beautiful!
You are so beautiful!
Beautiful! Beautiful!

The French Dream (alternative in English)

Tralalala, lalala, lalala...
Let's go walk in the woods! Tralalala!
Its fresh air is so good. Tralalala!
The wolf prowls around here! Tralalala!
So, let's not linger here. Tralalala!
What are those leaves moving?
Can't you hear it growling?
Phew! None of this is real...

The French Dream (English literal translation)

Let's go into the woods! Tralalala!
But let's not lose our way! Tralalala!
The wolf prowls around here! Tralalala!
So, let's not linger here! Tralalala!
I think he went this way!
Let's retracing our steps!
It seems it's just a dream...

HOW BEAUTIFUL YOU ARE

for SATB choir with divisi a cappella

Words and music by
ANTHONY SYLVESTRE

Tenderly ♩ = 60
p

SOPRANO
How beau - ti - ful you are! How beau - ti - ful, how won - der - ful,

ALTO
How beau - ti - ful you are! How beau - ti - ful, how won - der - ful,

TENOR
How beau - ti - ful you are! How beau - ti - ful, how won - der - ful,

BARYTON
BASSE
How beau - ti - ful you are! How beau - ti - ful, how won - der - ful,

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S.
look how gor - geous you are! I want to spend my life

A.
look how gor - geous you are! I want to spend my life

T.
look how gor - geous you are! I want to spend my life

Bar.
B.
look how gor - geous you are! I want to spend my life

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9 div.

S. wal - king here by your side. How beau - ti - ful, how beau - ti - ful... div.

A. wal - king here by your side. How beau - ti - ful, how beau - ti - ful... div.

T. wal - king here by your side. How beau - ti - ful, how beau - ti - ful...

Bar. B. wal - king here by your side. How beau - ti - ful, how beau - ti - ful...

14 **A** *mf*

S. How beau - ti - ful you are! How beau - ti - ful, _____

A. *mf* How beau - ti - ful you are! _____ How beau - ti - ful,

1 *mf* How beau - ti - ful you are! How beau - ti - ful,

T. *mf* How beau - ti - ful you are! How beau - ti - ful you are! How beau - ti - ful you are!

2 *mf* div. How beau - ti - ful you are! _____ How beau - ti - ful,

Bar. B. How beau - ti - ful you are! _____ How beau - ti - ful,

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S. how won - der - ful, look how gor - geous you are! _____

A. how won - der - ful, look how gor - geous you are! _____

1. how won - der - ful, look how gor - geous you are! _____

T. 2. How won - der - ful you are! Look how gor - geous you are, gor - geous you are! _____

Bar. B. how won - der - ful, look how gor - geous you are! _____

B

20 *mp*

S. When you feel cold at night, I will come warm you up and co - ver you.

mp

A. When you feel cold at night, I will come warm you up and co - ver you.

mp

T. When you feel cold at night, I will come warm you up and co - ver you.

mp

Bar. B. When you feel cold at night, I will come warm you up and co - ver you.

Etc...



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C

f

1. in my arms. You are so beau - ti - ful! You are so

2. in my arms. You are so beau - ti - ful! You are so

A. in my arms. You are so beau - ti - ful! You are so

T. in my arms. You are so beau - ti - ful! You are so

Bar. in my arms. You are so beau - ti - ful! You are so

B. in my arms. You are so beau - ti - ful!

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S. beau - ti - ful! You are so beau - ti - ful!

1. beau - ti - ful! You are so

2. beau - ti - ful! You are so beau - ti - ful!

1. beau - ti - ful! You are so beau - ti -

2. beau - ti - ful! You are so beau - ti -

Bar. beau - ti - ful! You are so beau - ti -

B. Beau - ti - ful! so beau - ti

The French Dream ♩ = 100

D *mf* *Determined*

35

S. Beau - ti - ful!

1. beau - ti - ful! Beau - ti - ful!

2. beau - ti - ful! Beau - ti - ful!

1. - ful! Beau - ti - ful! Prome -

2. - ful! Tra - la - la, la - la - la, la - la - la, la - la - la, la - la - la,

Bar. - ful! Tra - la - la, la - la - la, la - la - la, la - la - la,

f *mf* *pp* 1 (-4) 2 3 4

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mf

S. Tra - la - la - la !

mf

A. Tra - la - la - la !

1 - nons - nous dans les bois !
go walk in the woods!

2 la - la - la, la - la - la, la - la - la, la - la - la, la - la - la, la - la - la, la - la - la,

Bar. B. la - la - la, la - la - la, la - la - la, la - la - la, la - la - la, la - la - la, la - la - la,

48

mf

S. Tra - la - la - la !

mf

A. Mais ne nous per - dons pas !
Its fresh air is so good. *mf*

1 Tra - la - la - la !

2 la - la - la, la - la - la, la - la - la, la - la - la, la - la - la, la - la - la, la - la - la,

Bar. B. la - la - la, la - la - la, la - la - la, la - la - la, la - la - la, la - la - la, la - la - la,

55 **E**

S.

A.

1.

T.

2.

Bar.

B.

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S. *r - ful,* *div.*

A. *r - ful,*

1 *r - ful,*

T. *r - ful,*

2 *er - ful you are!*

Bar. *r - ful,*

B.

Etc...

99 *mf*

S. Look how gor - geous you are! How beau - ti - ful,___

1 *mf*

A. Look how gor - geous you are! Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful,

2 *mf*

Look how gor - geous you are! How__ beau - ti - ful!__ Beau - ti - ful,

1 *mf*

T. Look how gor - geous you are! How beau - ti - ful,

2

Look how gor - geous you are! How beau - ti - ful you are! How beau - ti - ful you are!

Bar. *mf*

B. Look how gor - geous you are! Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful,___

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S. are beau - ti - ful!

A. are beau - ti - ful!

1 are beau - ti - ful!

T. are beau - ti - ful!

2 are beau - ti - ful!

Bar. are so beau - ti - ful!

B.

Etc...

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S. *p* you are so beau - ti - ful! Beau - ti - ful! Beau - ti - ful! *rit.* *pp* *♩ = 50* *rall.*

A. *p* You are so beau - ti - ful! Beau - ti - ful! Beau - ti - ful! *pp*

T. *p* You are so beau - ti - ful! Beau - ti - ful! Beau - ti - ful! *pp*

Bar. *p* Beau - ti - ful! Beau - ti - ful! Beau - ti - ful! *pp*

B.

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