Grand Coulee Dam
(Woody Guthrie)

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Well, the world has seven wonders the travelers always tell
   C7
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Some gardens and some flowers, I guess you know them well
   Bb
But now the greatest wonder in Uncle Sam’s fair land
   C7
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It’s that King Colombia River and the big Grand Coulee Dam

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   Bb
She heads up the Canadian mountains where the rippling waters glide
   C7
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Come a rumbling down the canyon to meet the salty tide
   Bb
Of the wild Pacific Ocean where the sun sets in the west
   C7
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And the big Grand Coulee country is the land I love best

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   Bb
At the Umatilla Rapids, the Dalles, and at Cascades,
   C7
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Men have carved a mighty history of the sacrifices made
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   Bb
In the thundering foaming waters of the big Celilo Falls
   C7
   F
In the big Grand Coulee country I love the best of all

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   Bb
She winds down the granite canyon, and bends across the lea
   C7
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Like a prancin’, dancin’ stallion down her seaway to the sea
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   Bb
Cast your eyes upon the biggest thing yet built by human hands
   C7
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On the King Columbia River, it’s the big Grand Coulee Dam

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   Bb
In the misty crystal glitter of that wild and windward spray
   C7
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Men have fought the pounding waters, and have met a watery grave
   Bb
Yes, it tore their boats to splinters, but it gave men dreams to dream
   C7
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Of the day that Coulee Dam would cross that wild and wasted stream
There at Bonneville on the river is a green and beautiful sight
See the Bonneville Dam a-rising in the sun so clear and white
The leaping salmon play along the ladder and the rocks
There’s a steamboat load of gasoline a-whistling in the locks

Uncle Sam took the challenge in the year of thirty-three
For the farmer and the factory, and for all of you and me
He said, “Roll along Columbia, you can ramble to the sea
But river while you ramble, you can do some work for me”

Now in Washington and Oregon you hear the factories hum
Makin’ chrome and makin’ manganese and light aluminum
And the roaring flyin’ fortress wings her way for Uncle Sam
Spawned upon the King Columbia by the big Grand Coulee Dam