

# The Star-Spangled Banner

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*Music: Attributed to John Stafford Smith*

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O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, 'thro the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?

And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.  
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

O thus be it ever, when free men shall stand  
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation!  
Blest with vic-t'ry and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land  
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us a nation!

Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just;  
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust!"  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!