



Star Spangled Banner

America's official national anthem since Congress declared it so in 1931

Text = 1814 Francis Scott Key

Music = 1780 John Stafford Smith...member of the Anacreontic Club,
a group of wealthy men who met to celebrate music, food & drink
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Oh— say can you see by the dawn's ear - ly light, What so
stripes and bright stars through the per - i - lous fight, O'er the



proud - ly we hail'd at the twi - light's last gleam - ing? Whose broad stream - ing? And the
ram - parts we watch'd, were so gal - lant - ly



rock - ets' red glare, the bombs burs - ting in air, Gave



proof through the night that our flag was still there. O



say, does that star - spang - led ban - ner yet wave O'er the



land of the free and the home of the brave?

2. On the shore dimly seen thro' the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream:
'Tis the star-spangled banner: O, long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

3. And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion
A home and a country should leave us no more?
Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave:
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

4. O, thus be it ever when freemen shall stand,
Between their lov'd homes and the war's desolation;
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserv'd us as a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause 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!