

The Star-Spangled Banner

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1 **A** 2 3 4 5

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's ear - ly light,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the per - il - ous fight,

Detailed description: This block contains the first system of musical notation for 'The Star-Spangled Banner'. It features a treble and bass staff in 3/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. Measures 1 through 5 are shown, with measure numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 placed above the staff. A section marker '1 A' is placed above measure 1. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

6 7 8 9 10

What so proud - ly we hailed at the twi - light's last gleam - ing?
O'er the ram - parts we watched, were so gal - lant - ly stream - ing?

Detailed description: This block contains the second system of musical notation for 'The Star-Spangled Banner'. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. Measures 6 through 10 are shown, with measure numbers 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 placed above the staff. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

11 **B** 12 13

And the rock - ets' red glare, the bombs
the rock - ets' glare

Detailed description: This block contains the third system of musical notation for 'The Star-Spangled Banner'. It shows measures 11 through 13, with measure numbers 11, 12, and 13 placed above the staff. A section marker '11 B' is placed above measure 11. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

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14 15 16 17 18

burst-ing in air, Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still
bombs burst in air

This system contains measures 14 through 18. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). Measure 14 starts with a whole note chord. Measures 15-18 continue the melody and bass line, with lyrics 'burst-ing in air, Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still' and a vocal line 'bombs burst in air'.

19 20 21 22 23

there. Oh, say does that Star-Span-gled Ban-ner yet wave O'er the

This system contains measures 19 through 23. A common time signature 'C' is placed above measure 20. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the bass line continues in the bass clef. The lyrics are 'there. Oh, say does that Star-Span-gled Ban-ner yet wave O'er the'.

24 25 26 27 28 29 30

land of the free, and the home of the brave? A - mer - i - ca!

This system contains measures 24 through 30. A key signature change to one flat (B-flat) is indicated by a 'D' above measure 28. The melody continues in the treble clef, and the bass line continues in the bass clef. The lyrics are 'land of the free, and the home of the brave? A - mer - i - ca!'.

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2.

On the shore, dim-ly 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;
Oh, 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 washed 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.

Oh, thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation;
Blest with victory and peace, may the Heaven-rescued land
Praise the Power 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-Span-gled Banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.