The Star-Spangled Banner

Oh, 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 watch'd, Were so gallantly streaming? And the rocket's red glare, The bombs bursting in air, Gave proof thro' the night That our flag was still there; Oh, say, does the star spangled Banner yet wave, O'er the land of the free, And the home of the brave?





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 fully glory reflected Now shines in 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.

And where is that band Who so vauntingly swore That the havoc of war And the battle's confusion, A home and a country Shall leave us no more? Their blood has washed out Their foul footsteps' pollution;





No refuge can save The bireling and slave, From the terror of flight Or the gloom of the grave. And the spar spangled banner In triumph shall wave, O'er the land of the free, And the home of the brave.

Oh! thus be it ever When free men shall stand Between their lov'd home And the war's desolation; Blest with vict'ry and peace, May the heav'n-rescued land Praise the Power that has 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.

