

The Star Spangled Banner

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Key Bridge

Words by Francis Scott Key

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Grandioso

1 O say can you see by the dawn's ear - ly
2 O thus be it ev - er, when free men shall

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light, What so proud - ly we hailed at the twi - light's last
stand Be - tween their loved homes and the war's des - o -

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gleam - ing, whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the per - i - lous
la - tion! Blest with vic - t'ry and peace, may the heav'n - res - cued

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fight, o'er the ram - parts we watched, were so gal - lant - ly
land Praise the Pow'r that hath made and pre - served us a

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stream - ing and the rock - ets red glare, the bombs burst - ing in
 na - tion! Then con - quer we must, when our cause it is

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air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still
 just, And this be our mot - to: "In God is our

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there. *ff* O say does that star span - gled ban - ner yet
 trust!" *f* And the star - span - gled ban - ner in tri - umph shall

25 *ff* *f*

wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?
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Why do we need a new tune for our national anthem? (1) The usual well-known tune is unsingable; it embraces more than an octave and a half. (2) It is irregular. It spoils the beautiful poem by Francis Scott Key, which is in regular triple metre. (3) It is an English drinking song, and a poor one at that.