

Star spangled banner [lyrics]

Verse

O say can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilights last gleaming
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thro' the clouds of the fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming
And the rocket's red glare, the bomb 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?

Verse

On that shore dimly seen thro' the mists of the deep
Where the foes' 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 o'er the stream
'Tis the star spangled banner still, still doth it wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Verse

And where is the foe who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion
A Home and a country should leave us no more?
His blood has wash'd out his foul footstep's 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?

Verse

O thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
Between their lov'd homes, and the war's desolation,
Blest with victory and peace may the Heav'n rescued land
Praise the pow'r that hath made and preserv'd 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.