

# THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

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**Maestoso**

I. TENORI  
II. BARITONI  
BASSI

*f*  
O say! can you see, by the dawn's ear-ly light. What so proud-ly we  
hail'd at the twi-light's last glea-ming? Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the per-il-ous  
fight, O'er the ram-parts we watch'd, were so gal-lant-ly streaming? And the rock-et's red glare, the bombs  
burst-ing in air, Ga-ve proof thro' the nigh that our flag was still there. *un po' meno* *f* O say, does that -  
Star-splangled Ban-ner yet wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?  
*rall.* *ff* *f* *rall.* *rall.*  
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O say! can you see,  
by the dawn's early light.  
What so proudly we hail'd  
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.  
O say, does that Star-spangled Banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

*Breve cenno storico.*

Nel 1814, durante la guerra per l'indipendenza, una nave inglese cannoneggiò, per una intera notte, il forte americano McHenry. Su questa nave, quale prigioniero di guerra, vi era Francis Scott Key. Egli, vedendo alle prime luci del giorno la bandiera americana sventolare ancora sul forte, componeva i versi dell'inno nazionale degli S.U. d'A.