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"Star Spangled Banner"

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O! 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 through the
perilous fight,

O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly
streaming,

And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,

Gave proof through the night that our flag was still
there;

O! say, does that Star-spangled Banner still* wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore, dimly seen through 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, O! 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 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.

O! thus be it ever when free men shall stand

Between their loved homes and the foe's desolation;

Bless'd with victory and peace, may our Heaven-
rescued land

Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a
nation

Then conquer we must, for 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.

* current usage has changed "still" to "yet" thereby
changing the

final stanza from a question to an exclamation

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