

**Author Unknown****"The Stars And Stripes Forever"**

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John Philip Sousa came back to earth one day!  
He looked around at what he found here-  
All the contradictions that abound here.  
Good surviving, evil striving, everything in disarray...

With frown and mouth turned upside down,  
He said "This'll never do! Dead level never do!  
Dont they know to show some pride in who they are!"

The pioneers of former years were not without  
Their doubts and woes and fears but;  
They knew well the love of God  
Would never let them go astray!

But here today where there's no fear of dark  
in the wilderness.  
Some are in wilderness.  
They must shift and lift their gaze to some new star!

By a star in the East, least of men  
Once were succored in time of needing.  
For the star promised peace to those in pain,  
And from Galilee was westwardly proceeding.

With the star of the West, the best of men  
Now are siding in their endeaor;  
To restore as of yore their country's pride  
In the glory of the Stars and Stripes foreer.

Three cheers for the Red , white and blue,  
For the red is the blood of our brothers.  
The white is the light of the star  
That has led us to where we are.

The blue is the hue of the sky,  
Where on High the Almighty falters never.  
Our banner for two hundred years!  
Oh pioneers! Here's to the stars and stripes forever!

