

Rule Britannia!

British Patriotic Song

Poem by James Thomson (1740)

Music by Thomas Arne (1740)



Verse 1

[E ♭] When Britain first, at [Fm] Heaven's [B ♭] com[E ♭] mand
Arose from out the [F7] azure [B ♭] main
Arose from out the a[F]zure [B ♭] main
[E ♭] This was the [A ♭] charter, the [Fm] charter of the [B ♭] land
And [E ♭ /G] guar[B ♭ /F] dian [E ♭] [B ♭ /F] [E ♭ /G] an[A ♭] gels [E ♭ /B ♭] sang
[B ♭ 7] this [E ♭] strain
[E ♭] Rule, Bri[A ♭] tannia! Bri[Fm] tannia rules the [B ♭] waves [B ♭ 7]
[E ♭ /G] Brit[B ♭ /F] ons [E ♭] never, [B ♭ /F] never, [E ♭ /G] nev[A ♭] er
[E ♭ /B ♭] shall [B ♭] be[E ♭] slaves (x2)

Verse 2

[E ♭] The nations, not so [Fm] blessed [B ♭ 7] as [E ♭] thee
Must, in their turns, to ty[F7] rants [B ♭] fall
Must, in their turns, to ty[F7/C] rants [B ♭] fall [B ♭ 7]
[E ♭ /G] While thou shalt [A ♭] flourish, so [Fm7/A ♭] graciously and [B ♭] free
[B ♭ 7] The [E ♭] dread [Fm] and [E ♭ /G] en[A ♭] vy [E ♭ /B ♭] of [B ♭] them [E ♭] all
[E ♭] Rule, Bri[A ♭] tannia! Bri[Fm7] tannia rules the [B ♭] waves [B ♭ 7]
[E ♭ /G] Bri[B ♭ 7/F] tons [E ♭] never, [B ♭ 7/F] never, [E ♭ /G] ne[A ♭] ver
[E ♭ /B ♭] shall [B ♭] be [E ♭] slaves (x2)

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