

The Star-Spangled Banner

United States National Anthem

Music by John Stafford Smith (c.1773)

Lyrics by Francis Scott Key in 1814



Verse 1

[B ♭] O say can [F] you [Gm] see, [D7] by the [Gm] dawn's ear[C7]ly [F] light
[F7] What so [B ♭] proudly we [F] hailed [F7] at the [B ♭] twilight's last gleaming
Whose broad stripes and [F] bright [Gm] stars [D7] through the [Gm] peri[C7]lous [F] fight
O'er the [B ♭] ramparts we [F] watched [F7] were so [B ♭] gallantly streaming

[B ♭] And the rocket's red glare, the bomb [F] bursting in air
[F7] Gave [B ♭] proof through the [F] night [F7] that our [B ♭] flag was [C7] still [F] there
[F7] O [B ♭] say does that [E ♭] star-spangled [Cm7] banner yet [F] wave
[F7] O'er the [B ♭] land of [F] the [B ♭] free [E ♭] and the [B ♭] home of [F] the [B ♭] brave

Verse 2

[B ♭] On the shore dim[F/A]ly [Gm] seen [D7/F #] through the [Gm] mists of [C7/E] the [F] deep
[F7/E ♭] Where the [B ♭ /D] foe's [F7/C] haugh[B ♭]ty [F] host[F7/E ♭] in dread [B ♭ /D] silence re[B ♭]poses
What is that which [F/A] the [Gm] breeze, [D7/F #] o'er the [Gm] tower[C7/E]ing [F] steep
[F7/E ♭] As it [B ♭ /D] fit[F7/C]ful[B ♭]ly [F] blows, [F7/E ♭] half con[B ♭ /D]ceals, half [F7/C] dis[B ♭]closes

[B ♭] Now it catches [F7/C] the [B ♭ /D] gleam of the [F/A] morning's first [F7] beam
[F7/A] In full [B ♭] glory re[F/A]flected now [B ♭] shines in [C7] the [F] stream
[F7/E ♭] 'Tis the [B ♭ /D] star-spangled [E ♭] banner – O [Cm7] long may it [B ♭ /F] wa[F]ve
[F7/E ♭] O'er the [B ♭] land of [F7/C] the [B ♭ /D] free [Edim] and the [B ♭ /F] home of [F7] the [B ♭] brave

Arr. Fingertips, 2026

