

The National Anthem

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JOHN STAFFORD SMITH, c. 1771

1 O say can you see, by the dawn's ear - ly
2 O thus be it ev - er, when free - men shall

light, What so proud - ly we hailed at the twi - light's last
stand Be - tween their loved homes and the war's des - o -

gleam - ing, Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the per - il - ous
la - tion! Blest with vic - t'ry and peace, may the heav'n-res - cued

fight, O'er the ram - parts we watched, were so gal - lant - ly
land Praise the Power that hath made and pre - served us a

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stream - ing? And the rock - ets' red glare, the bombs burst - ing in
na - tion! Then con - quer we must, when our cause it is

air, Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
just, And this be our mot - to, "In God is our trust."

O say does that star - span - gled ban - ner yet wave
And the star - span - gled ban - ner in tri - umph shall wave

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