

The Star-Spangled Banner

for Choir & Orchestra

Melody by John Stafford Smith

Lyrics by Francis Scott Key

Arranged by Melissa Dunphy

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O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' 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 yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

—Francis Scott Key, September 14, 1814.

Original melody ("To Anacreon in Heaven") by John Stafford Smith, c.1773.

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Instrumentation

Piccolo
2 Flutes
2 Oboes
English Horn
2 Clarinets in Bb
Bass Clarinet in Bb
2 Bassoons
Contrabassoon

4 Horns in F
3 Trumpets in C
2 Trombones
Bass Trombone
Tuba

Timpani
Bass Drum
Cymbals
Tam-tam
Glockenspiel

Harp

Violin 1
Violin 2
Viola
Violoncello
Contrabass

Performance Notes

The following parts may be omitted if unavailable:

- English Horn (Bass Clarinet should play cues)
- Contrabassoon (Tuba should play cues)
- Tam-tam
- Harp
- High Soprano (from measure 39 to end)

Trumpet parts in Bb are included if Trumpets in C are unavailable.

Running time: approximately 2 minutes



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Con bravura ♩=c.92

3 4 5 6

Piccolo

Flute 1, 2

Oboe 1, 2

English Horn

Clarinet 1, 2 in B $\flat$

Bass Clarinet in B $\flat$

Bassoon 1, 2

Contrabassoon

Horn 1, 2 in F

Horn 3, 4 in F

Trumpet 1 in C

Trumpet 2, 3 in C

Trombone 1, 2

Bass Trombone

Tuba

Timpani

Bass Drum

Cymbals

Tam-tam

Glockenspiel

Harp

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Violin I

Violin II

Viola

Violoncello

Contrabass

7 poco rit. a tempo 10 11 12 13 14

Picc. Fl. 1, 2 Ob. 1, 2 Eng. Hn. Cl. 1, 2 B. Cl. Bsn. 1, 2 Cbsn. Hn. 1, 2 Hn. 3, 4 Tpt. 1 Tpt. 2, 3 Trb. 1, 2 B. Tbn. Tba. Timp. Hp. S. A. T. B. Vln. I Vln. II Vla. Vc. Cb.

O say can you see, by the dawn's ear - ly light, what so proud - ly we hail'd at the

mf *p* *p* *p* *mf*

15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

Picc.

Fl. 1, 2

Ob. 1, 2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. 1, 2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1, 2

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2, 3

Timp.

Glock.

Hp.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

twi-light's last gleam-ing, whose broad stripes and bright stars through the per-il-ous fight o'er the ram-parts we watch'd. And the

twi-light's last gleam-ing, whose broad stripes and bright stars through the per-il-ous fight o'er the ram-parts we watch'd were so gal-lant-ly stream-ing?

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twi-light's last gleam-ing, whose broad stripes and bright stars through the per-il-ous fight o'er the ram-parts we watch'd were so gal-lant-ly stream-ing?

rit.

C

Maestoso

$\text{♩} = c.80$

31

32

34

35

36

Picc.

Fl. 1, 2

Ob. 1, 2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. 1, 2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1, 2

Cbsn.

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2, 3

Trb. 1, 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Timp.

B. D.

Cym.

Glock.

Hp.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

flag was still there. O say does that star - span - gled ban - ner yet wave o'er the

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37 38 39 40 41 42 rit. 43

Picc.

Fl. 1, 2

Ob. 1, 2

Eng. Hn.

Cl. 1, 2

B. Cl.

Bsn. 1, 2

Cbsn.

Hn. 1, 2

Hn. 3, 4

Tpt. 1

Tpt. 2, 3

Trb. 1, 2

B. Tbn.

Tba.

Timp.

B. D.

Cym.

T.-t.

Glock.

Hp.

S.

A.

T.

B.

Vln. I

Vln. II

Vla.

Vc.

Cb.

land of the free, of the free and the home of the free

land of the free, of the free and the home of the free

land of the free, of the free and the home, the home of the free

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land of the free, of the free, of the free and the home of the free

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44 a tempo 45 46 47 48 Giall.

Picc. *f*

Fl. 1, 2 *ff*

Ob. 1, 2 *ff*

Eng. Hn.

Cl. 1, 2

B. Cl. *3*

Bsn. 1, 2 *3*

Cbsn.

Hn. 1, 2 *ff*

Hn. 3, 4 *ff*

Tpt. 1 *ff*

Tpt. 2, 3 *ff*

Trb. 1, 2 *ff*

B. Tbn. *3*

Tba. *ff* *3*

Timp. *fp* *ff* *3* *ff* *3* *ff* *3*

B. D. *f*

Cym. *f*

T.-t. *f*

Glock.

Hp

S. brave, the brave?

A. brave? home of the brave?

T. brave, home of the brave?

B. brave? home of the brave?

Vln. I (bow freely)

Vln. II (bow freely)

Vla.

Vc.

Cb. *3*