

THE STAR- SPANGLED BANNER

Our flag and the song it inspired are inseparably woven into the history of America. For it was the garrison flag of Fort McHenry, still flying defiantly after the 25-hour bombardment of the Baltimore fortress by the British on September 13-14, 1814, that led Francis Scott Key to write the words of the poem that is now our national anthem.

Key, a young Washington lawyer and amateur poet, had sailed under a flag of truce to the British fleet in Chesapeake Bay in an attempt to arrange the release of a friend, Dr. William Beanes. The latter had been taken prisoner by the British during their withdrawal after burning the Capitol and President's House in Washington. Beanes was released, but the Americans were detained on their truce ship during the attack on Baltimore. Alarmed and anxious over the outcome, Key remained on deck all night. When "by the dawn's early light" he saw the flag waving, his pent-up emotion gave way and he began the immortal lines. That night, safely back in Baltimore, he completed the words. A few days later, without title or author's name, it was printed in handbill form. Soon it was being sung to the tune of a popular English ballad of the day, "To Anacreon in Heaven." Slowly it grew in public affection, and in 1931 President Hoover signed the bill making it our official national anthem.

The original manuscript of "The Star-Spangled Banner," enshrined in the Maryland Historical Society, Baltimore, which purchased it for \$26,400 from the estate of Henry Walters, a Baltimorean, contains four stanzas. Today, the third stanza of the original poem, considered derogatory to the English, is usually omitted. The huge original Fort McHenry flag, which measured 42 x 30 feet, is displayed at the new Museum of History and Technology, Washington, D.C. Fort McHenry is a national shrine.

Because Americans revere the stirring hymn and the flag it acclaims, we offer this kit with the story of "The Star-Spangled Banner," the words and music of the song, a small American flag and an easily-assembled stand on which it may be displayed.



THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Words by Francis Scott Key

Traditional Melody

O — say can you see, by the dawn's ear - ly light, What so proud - ly we
On the shore dim - ly seen through the mists of the deep, Where the foe's haugh - ty
O — thus be it ev - er when free - men shall stand Be - tween their loved

hailed at the twi - light's last gleam - ing, Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the per - il - ous
host in dread si - lence re - po - ses, What is that which the breeze, o'er the tow - er - ing
home and the war's des - o - la - tion! Blest with vic - t'ry and peace may the heaven res - cued

fight O'er the ram - parts we watched, were so gal - lant - ly stream - ing? And the
steep, As it fit - ful - ly blows, half con - ceals, half dis - clos - es? Now it
land . Praise the Power that hath made and pre - served us a na - tion! Then —

rock - et's red glare, the bomb burst - ing in air, Gave — proof through the night that our
catch - es the gleam of the morn - ing's first beam, In full glo - ry re - flect - ed now
con - quer we must, when our cause it is just, And — this be our mot - to "In

flag was still there, O — say does that star - span gled ban - ner yet —
shines in the stream, 'Tis the star - span - gled ban - ner O long may — it —
God is our trust." 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?
wave — O'er the land — of the free and the home of the brave!
wave — O'er the land — of the free and the home of the brave.

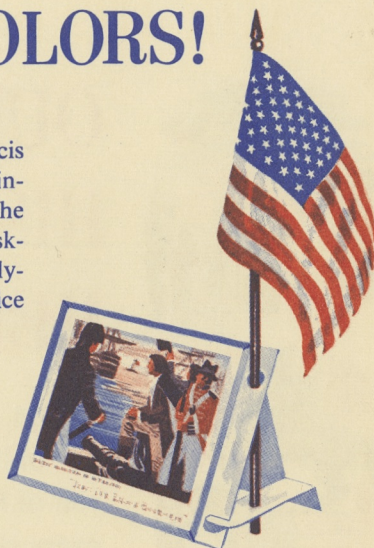
Arranged by Lt. Col. Samuel R. Loboda, leader, The United States Army Band and Chorus.



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