

# THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

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ARRANGED WITH AN ACCOMPANIMENT  
FOR THE

PIANO FORTE.

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O say can you see by the

The first system of musical notation for 'The Star Spangled Banner'. It consists of a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a rest, followed by the lyrics '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

The second system of musical notation. The vocal line continues with the lyrics 'dawn's early light What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming Whose broad'. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines in both hands.

stripes and bright stars thro' 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 thro' the night that our flag still was there O! say does that star spangled  
banner yet wave, O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

The musical score is written for voice and piano. The voice part is on a single treble clef staff. The piano accompaniment consists of two staves: a right-hand treble clef staff and a left-hand bass clef staff. The music is in common time (C). The key signature has one sharp (F#), indicating D major. The score is divided into four systems, each with a line of lyrics. The first system contains the first line of lyrics. The second system contains the second line. The third system contains the third line. The fourth system contains the fourth line. The piano accompaniment features a variety of textures, including arpeggiated chords, block chords, and moving lines in both hands. The voice melody is simple and memorable, with a mix of eighth and quarter notes. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat signs in the final measure of the fourth system.



## 2

On the shore dimly seen thro' the mists of the deep,  
 Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes.  
 What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep  
 As it fitfully blows half conceals half discloses;  
 Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,  
 In full glory reflected now shines in the stream;  
 'Tis the star spangled banner, O! long may it wave,  
 O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

## 3

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore,  
 'Mid the havoc of war and the battle's confusion,  
 A home and a country they'd leave us no more,  
 Their blood hath wash'd out their foul footsteps pollution  
 No refuge could save the hireling and slave,  
 From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave;  
 And the star spangled banner in triumph doth wave,  
 O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

## 4

O thus be it ever when freemen shall stand,  
 Between their loved home, and the wars desolation,  
 Blest with victory and peace, may the heaven rescued land,  
 Praise the power that hath made and preserved us a nation.  
 Then conquer we must, for our cause it is just,  
 And this be our motto "In God is our trust;"  
 And the star spangled banner in triumph shall wave,  
 O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

