

3. The Star-Spangled Banner

Service Version

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With spirit. (♩ = 104)

O . . say! can you see, by the dawn's ear-ly light, What so proud-ly we hall'd at the
On the shore, dim-ly seen thro' the mists of the deep, Where the foe's haughty host in dread
O . . thus be it ev-er when free-men shall stand Be - tween their loved homes and the

twilight's last gleaming? Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the per-il - ous fight, O'er the
sil-ence re - pos - es, What is that which the breeze, o'er the tow - er - ing steep, As it
war's des - o - la - tion! Blest with vic - t'ry and peace, may the heav'n - rescued land Praise the

ram-parts we watch'd, were so gal-lant-ly stream-ing? And the rock-et's red glare, the bombs
fit - ful - ly blows, half con-ceals, half dis - clos - es? Now it catch-es the gleam of the
Pow'r that hath made and pre-served us a na - tion! Then con-quer we must, when our

burst-ing in air, Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there. O . . say, does that
morn-ing's first beam, In full glo - ry re-flect-ed now shines on the stream; 'Tis the Star-span-gled
cause it is just, And this be our mot-to; "In God is our trust!" And the Star-span-gled

Star-span-gled Ban-ner yet wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?
Ban-ner, O long may it wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!
Ban-ner in tri-umph shall wave O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

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