

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Francis Scott Key (1779-1843)

John Stafford Smith (1750-1836)

arr. Sandra Peter

$\text{♩} = 104$

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Oh, — say, can you see, by the dawn's ear - ly light, what so proud - ly we hailed at the

7

S
A

T
B

twi-light's last gleam-ing, whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the per-i-lous fight, o'er the

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Music: John Stafford Smith
(tune entitled "To Anacreon in Heaven,"
first sheet music edition published as "The Anacreontic Song," circa 1777-1781)

Lyrics: Francis Scott Key
(poem entitled "Defence of Fort M'Henry," published in 1814)

First edition of tune, text and harmonization: Thomas Carr (published in 1814)

Officially adopted as the national anthem of the United States of America on March 3, 1931

This arrangement is designed to be sung by a choir and led by a conductor, but for the purpose of leading the assembly in song, Ab major is a more comfortable key for singing the anthem than Bb major, the key typically played by instrumental ensembles.

The indicated tempo and flow of this arrangement will keep the energy moving forward, thus highlighting the phrasing of Key's poetry. It could also be sung in unison with a pianist covering all of the parts, but again, led by a conductor, in order to facilitate and encourage all of those present to sing along.

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S
A

ram - parts we watched were so gal - lant - ly stream - ing? And the roc - ket's red

T
B

ram - parts we watched were so gal - lant - ly stream - ing? And the roc - ket's red

18

S
A

glare, the bombs burst - ing in air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still there. O

T
B

glare, the bombs burst - ing in air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still there. O

25

S
A

say, does that star span - gled ban - ner yet wave o'er the land of the

T
B

say, does that star span - gled ban - ner yet wave o'er the land of the

30

S
A

free and the home of the brave? and the home of the brave?

T
B

free and the home of the brave? and the home of the brave?

(Alternate ending)