

STAR SPANGLED BANNER - G - 3/4

AEB 6/10/12

INTRO: G(3) - D7(3) - G(5)

Words by Francis Scott Key
Music by John Stafford Smith
September 1814

G D G Em A7 D
O-h say can you see by the dawn's ear-ly light

G D G D G
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming

G D G Em A7 D
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the peri-lous fight

G D G D G
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallant-ly streaming

G D Am D7
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air

G D Em A7 D
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there

G C Am D
Oh say does that star spangled banner yet wa-ve

G Em D G
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave

NOTES

- 1) Poem written after the British bombardment of Fort McHenry, Baltimore in the War of 1812.
- 2) Melody from the English song 'The Anacreontic Song'.
- 3) First published in September, 1814.
- 4) Standardized version premier at Carnegie Hall in December, 1917.
- 5) Adopted as the official National Anthem of the USA in March, 1931.
- 6) Originally 4 stanzas (plus one more in 1861). Only the first stanza is normally performed.
- 7) Renowned as difficult to sing because of 1 1/2 octave range.

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