

# The Star Spangled Banner

## For String Orchestra

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### INSTRUMENTATION

8 - Violin I  
8 - Violin 2  
5 - Viola  
5 - Cello  
5 - Bass

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*Duration: Approx. 2 minutes*  
*Grade: 2.5 (Medium-Easy)*

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National Anthem of The United States of America

Lyrics by Francis Scott Key (1814)  
Music by John Stafford Smith (1780)

Score  
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Violin 1

Violin 2

Viola

Cello

Bass

*f*

Moderato (♩ = c. 104)

Violin 1

Violin 2

Viola

Cello

Bass

8

1.

2.

*mf*

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Violin 1 *cresc. Poco a Poco* **f**

Violin 2 *cresc. Poco a Poco* **f**

Viola *cresc. Poco a Poco* **f**

Cello *cresc. Poco a Poco* **f**

Bass *cresc. Poco a Poco* **f**

Violin 1

Violin 2

Viola

Cello

Bass

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Music by John Stafford Smith



Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.



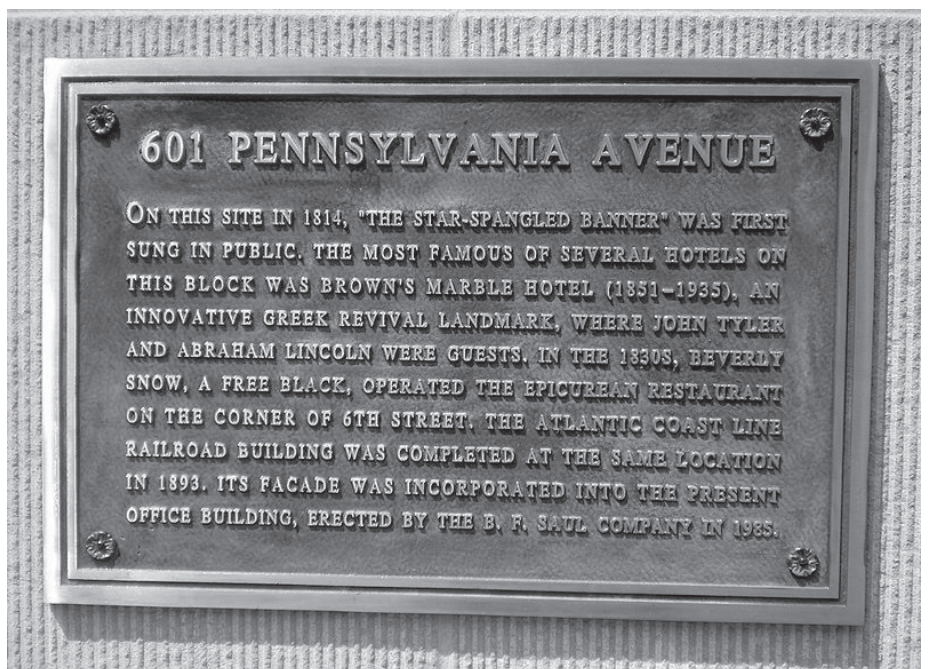
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

The lyrics that are most often performed are the first of four verses penned in 1814 by Francis Scott Key. "Star Spangled Banner" came into wide public performance in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century. It was adopted as our National Anthem in 1931, by a Congressional resolution signed at that time by then President Herbert Hoover. Today it is truly a hallmark of our Nation's pride and is performed at many public gatherings and at the opening of many sporting events.

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