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THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY AMERICAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

Anacreontic Song
Probably composed by
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Andante moderato

f marcato

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand plays a melody in G major, 4/4 time, with a tempo marking of 'Andante moderato'. The left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment, starting with a *f marcato* dynamic. The music is in a 2/4 time signature.

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's ear - ly light, What so proud - ly we
On the shore, dim - ly seen thro' the mists of the deep, Where the foe's haugh - ty
O - thus be it ev - er, when free - men shall stand Be - tween their lov'd

The first system of the vocal score shows the vocal line and piano accompaniment for the first line of lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues with a steady accompaniment.

hailed at the twi - light's last gleam - ing? Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the
host in dread si - lence re - pos - es, What is that which the breeze, o'er the
home and the war's des - o - la - tion! Blest with vic - try and peace, may the

The second system of the vocal score shows the vocal line and piano accompaniment for the second line of lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues with a steady accompaniment.

per - il - ous fight, O'er the ram - parts we watch'd, were so gal - lant - ly stream - ing!
tow - er - ing steep, As it fit - ful - ly blows, half con - ceals, half dis - clos - es?
heav'n res - cued land Praise the Pow'r that hath made and pre - serv'd us a na - tion!

The third system of the vocal score shows the vocal line and piano accompaniment for the third line of lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues with a steady accompaniment.

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And the rock - ets' red glare, the bombs burst - ing in air, Gave
 Now it catch - es the gleam of the morn - ings first beam, In full
 Then con - quer we must, when our cause it is just; And

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cresc.

proof thro' the night that our flag was still there! Oh!
 glo - ry re - flect - ed, now shines on the stream; 'Tis the
 this be our mot - to, "In God is our trust;" And the

cresc.

say, does that star - span - gled ban - ner yet wave }
 star - span - gled ban - ner! Oh, long may it wave } O'er the
 star - span - gled ban - ner in tri - umph shall wave }

Pesante *D. C.*

land of the free and the home of the brave?

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D. C.