The Star Spangled Banner

Music by

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Words by Francis Scott Key

Key Bridge

1. O say can you see by the dawn's early light,
   What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleam-ing,
   Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous
   Fight, o'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly

2. O thus be it ever, when free men shall stand,
   Between their loved homes and the war's deso-
   Gleaming, whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous
   Land Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserved us a
streaming and the rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in
nation! Then conquer we must, when our cause it is

air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still
just, And this be our motto: "In God is our

there. O say does that star spangled banner yet
trust!" And the star spangled banner in triumph shall

wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?
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Why do we need a new tune for our national anthem? (1) The usual well-known tune is unsingable; it embraces more than an octave and a half. (2) It is irregular. It spoils the beautiful poem by Francis Scott Key, which is in regular triple metre. (3) It is an English drinking song, and a poor one at that.