

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY

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O say can you see, ~~through~~ by the dawn's early light,
what so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
whose broad stripes & bright stars through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watch'd, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bomb bursting in air,
gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free & the home of the brave?

On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
what is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream,
'Tis the star-spangled banner — O long may it wave
O'er the land of the free & the home of the brave!

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore,
That the havoc of war & the battle's confusion
A home & a Country should leave us no more?
— ~~Their blood~~ Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling & slave
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave,
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free & the home of the brave.

O thus be it ever when freemen shall stand
Between their lov'd home & the war's desolation,
Blest with vict'ry & peace may the heav'n rescued land
Praise the power that hath made & preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this our motto & our God is our trust,
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free & the home of the brave.

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The Polaris submarine Francis Scott Key is named for the author of the National Anthem. As a young lawyer Francis Scott Key composed the words of the Star Spangled Banner while watching the bombardment of Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor during the War of 1812. Published a few days after they were composed, the words were set to the music of a popular opera of the day, "To Anacreon in Heaven," and won wide acceptance as the nation's leading patriotic song. The Star Spangled Banner was adopted as the National Anthem by Act of Congress in 1931.

Fortieth ship in the Navy's projected fleet of 41 Polaris submarines, the Francis Scott Key is 425 feet long and will displace 7,000 tons when completed later this year.

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