


# O say can you see by the dawn's early light

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18th cent.?



1. O — say can you see, by the dawn's ear - ly light,  
2. O — thus be it ev - er, when free - men shall stand



what so proud - ly we hailed at the twi - light's last gleam - ing,  
be — - tween their loved homes and the war's des - o - la - tion!



whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the per - il - lous fight,  
Blest with vic - t'ry and peace, may the heav'n-re - scued land



o'er the ram - parts we watched, were so gal - lant - ly stream - ing?  
praise the Pow'r that hath made and pre - served us a na - tion!

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And the rock - ets' red glare, the bombs burst - ing in air,  
Then\_ con - quer we must, when our cause it is just,

gave and proof through the night that our flag was still there.  
and this is our mot - to, "In God is our trust."

O\_ say does that star-span-gled ban - ner yet wave  
And the star-span - gled ban - ner in tri - umph shall wave

o'er the land\_ of the free and the home of the brave?  
o'er the land\_ of the free and the home of the brave!