

“The Jewel-encrusted Pennant”

Tell us, do you now see at sunrise the same thing that we ~~saw~~ yesterday at sunset with such pride? **It** had wide stripes and shining stars, and during a really dangerous battle we were glad to watch **It** proudly waving over the walls of this fort. During the night, missiles would sometimes light up the sky, or bombs would explode, and every time, we saw the evidence: **It** survived the battle throughout the night. So, tell us, does **It** still survive even today, flying in a country of liberty, in a land of courageous people?

“The Star-spangled Banner” by Francis Scott Key

O! 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 through the perilous fight,
O'er the **ramparts** we watched, were so **gallantly** streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs 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 and the home of the brave?

Paraphrase:

May it always be this way, whenever
independent people guard their homes from
war's destruction. May the country that God
has blessed with peace and protection, give
glory and thanks to that same God that
created and saved it. And if we have to go to
war, it should be a just war, always keeping
in mind that our slogan should be: Trust in
God. If we do all that, then the jewel-
encrusted pennant will always fly in a
country of liberty, in a land of courageous
people!

O! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved home and the war's
desolation.

Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Heav'n
rescued land

Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us
a nation!

Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "[In God is our trust;](#)"

And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall
wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the
brave!