

ANTHEM

Based on the “Star Spangled Banner” by Francis Scott Key, 1814

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Oh, say can you see by the dawn’s early light
What **once** proudly we hailed is **revealed** to our sight.

We bear witness. We are better than this. We cry. We cry.

Whose broad stripes and bright stars **above trails of tears**,
O’er the ramparts we watch **all the slaughter and fears**,

We bear witness. We are better than this. We cry. We cry.

And the rocket’s red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gives proof **that the lies our flag hides** are still there.
Oh, say **when** will the star-spangled banner yet wave
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

We are better than this. We cry. Unbreakable spirit— Unite us!

Oh! say can **we** see, **when free and equal stand**
Between our beloved home and history’s desolation!

We are better than this. We cry. Unbreakable spirit— Unite us!

Blest with **healing and peace**, may our heav’n rescued land
Praise the Power that **makes us One and Equal**— a Nation.

Unbreakable spirit— Unite us All.

Then **Unite we must, Peace our cause** it is just,
And this be our motto: “In God is our trust.”
And the star-spangled banner in **Light and Love** shall wave
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave!