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THE ANACREONTIC SONG

music by John Stafford Smith

1778, London, England
John Stafford Smith (March 30, 1750 - September 21, 1836)
A British composer, organist, and musicologist from Gloucester
The Anacreontic Song
as Sung at the Crown & Anchor Tavern in the Strand,
the Words by
RALPH TOMLINSON ESQ., late President of that Society.
Price 6d.

London, Printed & Sold at A. Bland's, Music Warehouse, 23, Oxford Street.

To A NACREON in Heaven, where he sat in full Glee, A few Sons of Harmony.

sent a Petition, That he their In-spirer and Patron would be, when this.

Answer arrived from the JOLLY OLD RECITIAN Voice, Fiddle and Flute no.

longer he mute, I'll lend you my Name and in-spire you to boot. And he.

sides I'll instruct you, like me to Intwine The Myrtle of VENUS with BACCHUS's Vine.
THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

words by Francis Scott Key

September 1814, Baltimore, Maryland
Francis Scott Key (August 1, 1779 - January 11, 1843)
An American lawyer, author, and amateur poet from Georgetown
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 GALANTLY STREAMING?
AND THE ROCKET'S RED GLARE,
THE BOMBS BURSTING IN AIR
GAVE PROOF THROUGH THE NIGHT
THAT OUR FLAG WAS STILL THERE.
O SAY DOES THAT STAR BANGLLED BANNER
YET WAVE,
O'ER THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME
OF THE BRAVE
MOVING MY VOWOLS

(e bocomos o)
O SAY CAN YOU SOO, BY THO DAWN'S OARLY LIGHT,
WHAT SO PROUDLY WO HAILOD
AT THO TWILIGHT'S LAST GLOAMING.
WHOSO BROAD STRIPOS AND BRIGHT STARS,
THROUGH THO PORILOUS FIGHT.
O'OR THO RAMPARTS WO WATCHOD
WORO SO GALANTLY STROAMING?
AND THO ROCKOT'S ROD GLARO,
THO BOMBS BURSTING IN AIR
GAVO PROOF THROUGH THO NIGHT
THAT OUR FLAG WAS STILL THORO.
O SAY DOOS THAT STAR BANGLOD BANNOR
YOT WAVO,
O'OR THO LAND OF THO FROO AND THO HOMO
OF THO BRAVO
MOVING MY VOWELS
(a becomes o)
O SOY CON YOU SEE, BY THE DOWN’S EARLY LIGHT,
WHOT SO PROUDLY WE HOILED
OT THE TWILIGHT’S LOST GLEOMING.
WHOSE BROOD STRIPES OND BRIGHT STORS,
THROUGH THE PERILOUS FIGHT.
O’ER THE RAMPARTS WE WOTCHED
WERE SO GONTLY STREAMING?
OND THE ROCKET’S RED GLORE,
THE BOMBS BURSTING IN OIR
GOVE PROOF THROUGH THE NIGHT
THOT OUR FLOG WOS STILL THERE.
O SOY DOES THOT STOR BONGLED BONNER
YET WOVE,
O’ER THE LOND OF THE FREE OND THE HOME
OF THE BROVE
MOVING MY VOWULS

(e bucomus u)
O SAY CAN YOU SUU, BY THU DAWN’S UARLY LIGHT,
WHAT SO PROUDLY WU HAILUD
AT THU TWILIGHT’S LAST GLUAMING.
WHOSU BROAD STRIPUS AND BRIGHT STARS,
THROUGH THU PURILOUS FIGHT.
O’UR THU RAMPARTS WU WATCHUD
WURU SO GALANTLY STRUAMING?
AND THU ROCKUT’S RUD GLARU,
THU BOMBS BURSTING IN AIR
GAVU PROOF THROUGH THU NIGHT
THAT OUR FLAG WAS STILL THURU.
O SAY DOUS THAT STAR BANGLUD BANNUR
YUT WAVU,
O’UR THU LAND OF THU FRUU AND THU HOMU
OF THU BRAVU
MOVING MY VOWULS

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THU
STOR BONGLUD
BONNUR

O SOY CON YOU SUU, BY THU DOWN’S UORLY LIGHT,
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OT THU TWILIGHT’S LOST GLUOMING.
WHOSU BROOD STRIPUS OND BRIGHT STORS,
THROUGH THU PURILOUS FIGHT.
O’UR THU ROMPORTS WU WOTCHUD
WURU SO GOLONTLY STRUOMING?
OND THU ROCKUT’S RUD GLORU,
THU BOMBS BURSTING IN OIR
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THOT OUR FLOG WOS STILL THURU.
O SOY DOUS THOT STOR BONGLUD BONNUR
YUT WOVU,
O’UR THU LOND OF THU FRUU OND THU HOMU
OF THU BROVU
THU
STIR BINGLUD
BINNUR

O SIY CIN YOU SUU, BY THU DIWN'S UIRLY LIGHT,
WHIT SO PROUDLY WU HIILUD
IT THU TWILIGHT'S LIST GLUIMING.
WHOSU BROID STRIPUS IND BRIGHT STIRS,
THROUGH THU PURILOUS FIGHT.
O'UR THU RIMPIRTS WU WITCHUD
WURU SO GILINTLY STRUIMING?
IND THU ROCKUT'S RUD GLIRU,
THU BOMBS BURSTING IN IIR
GIVU PROOF THROUGH THU NIGHT
THIT OUR FLIG WIS STILL THURU.
O SIY DOUS THIT STIR BINGLUD BINNUR
YUT WIVU,
O'UR THU LIND OF THU FRUU IND THU HOMU
OF THU BRIVU
MOVING MY VOWILS

(aeu bicomis i)
O SIY CIN YOI SII, BY THI DIWN'S IIRLY LIGHT,
WHIT SO PRO IDLY WI HIILID
IT THI TWILIGHT'S LIST GLIIMING.
WHOSI BROID STRIPIS IND BRIGHT STIRS,
THROUGH THI PIRILOIS FIGHT.
O'IR THI RIMPIRITS WI WITCHID
WIRI SO GILINTLY STRIIMING?
IND THI ROCKIT'S RID GLIRI,
THI BOMBS BIRSTING IN IIR
GIVI PROOF THROUGH THI NIGHT
THIT OIR FLIG WIS STILL THIRI.
O SIY DOIS THIT STIR BINGLID BINNIR
YIT WIVI,
O'IR THI LIND OF THI FRII IND THI HOMI
OF THI BRIVI
MIVING MY VIWILS

(æou bicimis i)
I SIY CIN YII SII, BY THI DIWN’S IIIRLY LIGHT,
WHIT SI PRIIDLY WI HIILID
IT THI TWILIGHT’S LIST GLIIMING.
WHISI BRIID STRIPIS IND BRIGHT STIRS,
THRIIGH THI PIRILIIS FIGHT.
P’IR THI RIMPIRTS WI WITCHID
WIRI SI GILINTLY STRIIMING?
IND THI RICKIT’S RID GLIRI,
THI BIMBS BIRSTING IN IIR
GIVI PRIIF THRIIGH THI NIGHT
THIT IIR FLIG WIS STILL THIRI.
I SIY DIIS THIT STIR BINGLID BINNIR
YIT WIVI,
P’IR THI LIND IF THI FRII IND THI HIMI
IF THI BRIVI
MIVING MY VIWELS

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   WERE SI GALANTLY STREAMING?
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