

The American Ensign

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Quartet

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Moderato

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1. Flag of the stars whose light
2. Flag of the stripes of fire!
3. Flag of the eagle! who
4. Flag of two ocean shores

First cheered the nation's gloom - y
Long as the bard his loft - y
Up - on thy shin - ing fields of
Whose ev - er - last - ing thun - der

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems. The first system (measures 1-4) is marked 'Moderato' and features a piano accompaniment with a treble and bass clef. The piano part includes dynamic markings like 'Ped.' and 'Ped.' with asterisks, and a crescendo hairpin. The vocal line is in the treble clef. The second system (measures 5-8) continues the piano accompaniment and vocal line. The third system (measures 9-12) begins with a repeat sign and includes four vocal parts with lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues below the vocal parts.

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night, And bade the world no more to sigh; Oh! can thy
 lyre Can strike, thou shalt a - wake our song; We'll sing thee
 blue, His fier - y pin - ions bold - ly spread; A - round thee
 roars From deep to deep in storm and foam; Tho' with the

Ped. *

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chil - dren gaze Up - on their sap - phire blaze, Nor kin - dle
 round the hearth, In ho - ly house - hold mirth; We'll sing thee
 we will stand, With our bright blades in _ hand, And swear to _
 sun's red set Thou sink'st to slum - ber, yet With him dost

Ped. * *Ped.* *

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at the rays Which led the brave of old to die.
when we forth To bat - tle go, with clar - i - on tongue.
guard the land We love till life's last drop be shed.
not for - get To rise and make the heav - ens thy home.

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Soph Hail! Hail! Hail! Hail!

Alto Hail! Hail! Hail! Hail!

Tenor Hail! Hail! Hail! Hail! Hail!

Bass Hail ban - ner beau - ti - ful and grand, Float for - ev - er o'er our land. Hail! hail! hail!

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Hail ban-ner beau-ti-ful and grand, Float thou for-ev-er o'er our land.

Hail ban-ner beau-ti-ful and grand, Float for-ev-er, ev-er, Float thou for-ev-er o'er our land, for-ev-er, ev-er.

Hail ban-ner beau-ti-ful and grand, Float thou for-ev-er o'er our land.

Hail ban-ner beau-ti-ful and grand, Float thou for-ev-er o'er our land.

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Float thou for-ev-er Float thou for-ev-er Float thou for - ev-er o'er our land.

Float thou for-ev-er ev-er Float thou for-ev-er ev-er Float thou for-ev-er o'er our land.

Float thou for-ev-er Float thou for-ev-er Float thou for - ev-er o'er our land.

Float thou for-ev-er Float thou for-ev-er Float thou for-ev-er o'er our land.

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1. Hail ban - ner beau - ti - ful and grand, Float thou for - ev - er o'er our land, —
2. O'er moun - tain, prai - rie, lake and sea, Where' - er thou float'st, we'll sing to thee! —
3. How sweet, how beau - ti - ful is death, When for thy sake we yield our breath. —
4. Flag of the West be thou un - furled, 'Till the last trump shall wake the world. —

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