

For the women's choral organizations of the University of California, Irvine

The Star-Spangled Banner

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Francis Scott Key (1779-1843)

attributed to John Stafford Smith (1750-1836)

arranged by Nina Gilbert

Maestoso
unis.

Soprano

Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light, Whatso

Alto

unis.

5

proud - ly we hailed at the twi - light's last gleam - ing? Whose broad

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stripes and bright stars, Through the per - il - ous fight, O'er the

div.

13

ram - parts we watched, were so gal - lant - ly stream - ing? And the

mf

And the

mf

And the

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17 rock - ets, _____ the bombs burst - ing, _____ *poco a poco cresc.* Gave

rock - ets' red glare, the bombs burst - ing in air, Gave

rock - ets, _____ the bombs burst - ing, _____ Gave

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25 *poco a poco cresc.* *ff al fine* O'er the

say, does_ that_ Star - Span - gled_ Ban - ner_ yet_ wave, O'er the

poco a poco cresc. *ff al fine*

29 *allarg.* land of the free

land of the free

land of the free and the home of the brave?

Arranger's Note

The Star-Spangled Banner spans a wide melodic range. This arrangement addresses that challenge by distributing the melody among high and low voices. It indulges in some word painting around the waving flag in measures 25-28, and retains the classic 4/2 chord in measure 30. It may be transposed a half or whole step up or down to highlight the tenor or bass ranges.

About the Arranger

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