Eighth Note Publications

The Star Spangled Banner

Francis Scott Key *Arranged by David Marlatt*

On Sept. 13, 1814, Francis Scott Key visited the British fleet in Chesapeake Bay to secure the release of Dr. William Beanes, who had been captured after the burning of Washington, DC. The release was secured, but Key was detained on ship overnight during the shelling of Fort McHenry one of the forts defending Baltimore. In the morning, he was so delighted to see the American flag still flying over the fort that he began a poem to commemorate the occasion. First published under the title "Defense of Fort McHenry" the poem soon attained wide popularity as sung to the tune "To Anacreon in Heaven." The origin of this tune is obscure, but it may have been written by John Stafford Smith, a British composer born in 1750. "The Star-Spangled Banner" was officially made the national anthem by Congress in 1931, although it already had been adopted as such by the army and the navy.

Bb Trumpet 1
Bb Trumpet 2
Bb Trumpet 3
Bb Trumpet 4
F Horn 1
F Horn 2
Trombone 1
Trombone 2
Baritone
Tuba

Optional Percussion

Timpani Snare Drum Suspended Cymbal, Crash Cymbals

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