

The Star Spangled Banner

Music by John Stafford Smith. Lyrics by Francis Scott Key

Key: C

O - say can you see by the dawn's ear - ly light, what so

proud ly we hailed at the twi - lights last gleam - ing whose broad

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

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

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rock - ets red glare the bombs burst - ing in air gave

This system contains the first four measures of the song. The treble clef staff has a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: rock - ets red glare the bombs burst - ing in air gave. The bass clef staff provides a simple accompaniment.

proof thro' the night that our flag was still there Oh

This system contains the next four measures. The lyrics are: proof thro' the night that our flag was still there Oh. The notation includes fingerings (1, 2, 3) and a fermata over the word 'there'.

say does tha - t Star span - gled ban - ner - yet - wa - ve O'er the

This system contains the next four measures. The lyrics are: say does tha - t Star span - gled ban - ner - yet - wa - ve O'er the. The notation includes fingerings (1, 2, 3, 5) and a fermata over the word 'wa - ve'.

la - nd of the free and the home of the brave?

This system contains the final four measures of the song. The lyrics are: la - nd of the free and the home of the brave?. The notation includes fingerings (1) and a fermata over the word 'brave?'.

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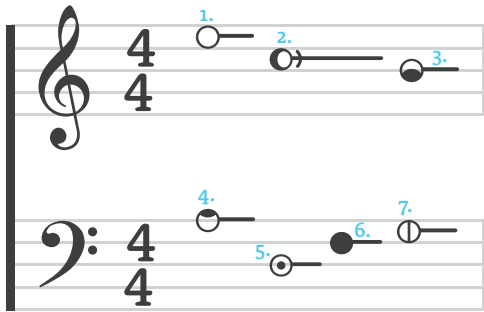
1 Learn the helper words

Each note has a symbol and a “helper word” that describes how that note looks. Say the note name and its helper word out loud to yourself (ie. “A for Above”, “C looks like ‘C’”). Do that twice and you’re set!

- A: above ◐ B: below ○ C: “C”
- ⊙ D: dot ○ E: empty ● F: full ⊕ G: groove



2 Test yourself



Use your hand to cover up the symbols above, and see if you can read these notes. (Answers at the bottom)



3 Congrats!

You’re reading music! Here’s a summary of some more info. For the the full guide and more songs, visit www.HummingbirdNotation.com.

Pitch	Rest		Rhythm
⊕ G: groove	((Whole	●)) —————
● F: full	(1/2	●) —————
○ E: empty	~	1/4	● —————
⊙ D: dot	~	1/8	● or ● ● ● ●
◐ B: below	~	1/16	● or ● ● ● ●
○ A: above	+	1/32	● or ● ● ● ●
♯ Sharp	+		
♭ Flat	≠		