THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

HISTORY AND WORDS
On Sept. 13, 1814, Francis Scott Key visited the British Navy off the shore of Baltimore, Maryland to release Dr. William Beanes, an American, who had been captured after the burning of Washington, DC.
History of the song (cont.)

• Key stayed on ship overnight during the bombing of Fort McHenry, one of the forts defending Baltimore.
History of the song (cont).

Bombing of Ft. McHenry Sept. 13, 1813
History of the Song (cont).

- In the morning, September 14, 1813, he was so happy to see the American flag still flying over the fort that he wrote a poem to celebrate the occasion.
History of the song (cont).
“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.
Words to the Star-Spangled Banner

• *O say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,*
Words to the Star-Spangled Banner

- What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Words to the Star-Spangled Banner

• Whose **broad** stripes and **bright** stars, **through the perilous fight**,
Words to the Star-Spangled Banner

- *O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?*
Words to the Star-Spangled Banner

• And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Words to the Star-Spangled Banner

- Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Words to the Star-Spangled Banner

• *O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave*
Words to the Star-Spangled Banner

• *O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*