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THE TERRIFIC HIT THAT THE SOLDIERS SANG AFTER THE SPANISH AMERICAN WAR

STRIKE UP THE BAND HERE COMES A SAILOR

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Strike Up The Band

(Here Comes A Sailor.)

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Allegro.

Piano.

The piano introduction consists of two staves in 6/8 time. The right hand features a melody of eighth notes and chords, while the left hand provides a rhythmic accompaniment with chords and eighth notes. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat).

Till Ready.

1. Jack is the King of the dark blue sea,
2. Jack on his ship o'er the sea has skimmed,

The first vocal line is in 6/8 time. It begins with a rest for two measures, then enters with a melody of eighth notes. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and eighth notes.

Jack is as brave as the brave can be,
Jack on the sea has the sails well trimmed,
He's the boy the girls adore,
But when Jack is on the

The second vocal line continues the melody from the first line. The piano accompaniment remains consistent with the previous section.

dore, Oh, what fun when Jack's a-shore, For he is the fel-low can
land, He gets trimmed to beat the band, For he has a sweet-heart in

The third vocal line continues the melody. The piano accompaniment features some syncopation and rests in the right hand.

make things hum, Oh how they sigh when they see him come, Load-ed
ev-'ry port, Love to a sail-or is rare old sport, When he's

The fourth vocal line concludes the piece. The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord and a fermata.

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down with gold so bright, Wel-come home Jack, you're all right!
 broke its Jack good - bye, When he's flush you'll hear them cry.

Chorus.

Strike up the band here comes a sail - or, Cash in his hand

just off a wha - ler, Stand in a row, don't let him go, Jack's a cinch, but

ev - ry inch a sail - or. sail - or.

D.S.
 Allegro
 tend.

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The National Anthem.
The Star-Spangled Banner.

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY.
(1780-1843)

JOHN STAFFORD SMITH.
(1750-1836)

Con spirito

1. Oh! say, can you see by the dawn's earl-y light, What so proud-ly we hail'd at the
2. On the shore, dim-ly seen thro' the mists of the deep, Where the foe's haught-y host in dread
3. Oh! thus be it ev-er when free men shall stand, Be - tween their loved homes and the

twi-ght's last gleam-ing? Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the per-il-ous fight, O'er the
si-lence re-po-ses, What is that which the breeze, o'er the tow-er-ing steep, As it
war's des-o-la-tion; Blest with vic-try and peace, may the heav'n res-cued land Praise the

ram-parts we watch'd, were so gal-lant-ly stream-ing? And the rock-ets red glare, the bombs
fit-ful-ly blows, half con-ceals, half dis-clos-es? Now it catch-es the gleam of the
Pow'r that hath made and pre-served us a na-tion! Then con-quer we must, when our

Chorus

burst-ing in air, Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there. Oh, say, does that
morn-ing's first beam, In full glo-ry re-flect-ed now shines on the stream; 'Tis the star-span-gled
cause it is just, And this be our mot-to, "In God is our trust." And the star-span-gled

poco rit. *a tempo.* *poco rit.*

star-span-gled ban-ner yet wave O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?
ban-ner, Oh, long may it wave O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave!
ban-ner in tri-umph shall wave O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave!

The music to which Key wrote his words, was long attributed to the London organist and composer, Dr. Samuel Arnold (1740-1802). Late researches credit the music beyond dispute to John Stafford Smith (Gloucester, 1750; London, 1836), an organist of rank and a prolific composer. The music, in $\frac{6}{4}$ time, with the words beginning "To Anacreon in heaven, where he sat in full glee," is to be found in *Collections of Popular Songs, Catches, etc.*, composed by John Stafford Smith, Vol. V, page 33. A copy of this volume is in the British Museum. The melody was well known in this country during revolutionary days, and various texts were sung to it. Francis Scott Key was evidently familiar with the popular melody, and wrote his immortal verses on the morning after the bombardment of Fort McHenry by the British fleet, September 14, 1814. This version of the melody (with the exception of the shortening the last note in measures 2 and 10), is the one adopted by the Music Supervisor's National Convention.