## **Patriotic Poem**



## **God Save the Flag**

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Washed in the blood of the brave and the blooming, Snatched from the altars of insolent foes, Burning with star-fires, but never consuming, Flash its broad ribbons of lily and rose.

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Vainly the prophets of Baal would rend it, Vainly his worshippers pray for its fall; Thousands have died for it, millions defended it, Emblem of justice and mercy to all.

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Justice that reddens the sky with her terrors, Mercy that comes with her white-handed train, Soothing all passions, redeeming all errors, Sheathing the saber and breaking the chain.

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Borne on the deluge of all usurpation, Drifted our Ark o'er the desolate seas, Bearing the rainbow of hope to the nations, Torn from the storm-cloud and flung to the breeze!

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God bless the Flag and its loyal defenders, While its broad folds o'er the battle-filed wave, Till the dim star-wreath rekindle its splendors, Washed from its strains in the blood of the brave!

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