

The Star-Spangled Banner #340

instrumental countermelody

•for C instruments
•suggested for verses 2 and/or 3

Vigorously

Text: Francis Scott Key, 1779-1843
Music: John Stafford Smith, 1750-1836

The musical score is written for a C instrument in 3/4 time, featuring a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The tempo/mood is marked 'Vigorously'. The score consists of eight staves of music, with measure numbers 6, 10, 14, 18, 22, 26, and 30 indicated at the beginning of their respective staves. The melody is characterized by a series of eighth and quarter notes, with a repeat sign at the end of the first staff. The final staff includes two endings, marked with '1.' and '2.' above the notes.

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