

THE
AMERICAN FLAG
CANTATA
FOR
BASS AND TENOR SOLI
CHORUS
AND
ORCHESTRA

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The American Flag.

When Freedom from her mountain-height
Unfurled her standard to the air,
She tore the azure robe of Night
And set the stars of glory there !
She mingled, with its gorgeous dyes,
The milky baldric of the skies,
And striped its pure, celestial white
With streakings of the morning light.
Then, from his mansion in the sun,
She called her eagle-bearer down,
And gave into his mighty hand
The symbol of her chosen land.

Majestic Monarch of the cloud !
Who rear'st aloft thy regal form
To hear the tempest-trumpings loud
And see the lightning-lances driven
When strides the warrior of the storm,
And rolls the thunder-drum of heaven :
Child of the sun ! to thee 'tis given
To guard the banner of the free ;
To hover in the sulphur-smoke,
To ward away the battle-stroke,
And bid its blendings shine afar
Like rainbows on the cloud of war,
The harbingers of victory.

Flag of the brave ! thy folds shall fly,
The sign of hope and triumph high,
When speaks the signal trumpet-tone,
And the long line comes gleaming on.
Ere yet the lifeblood, warm and wet,
Has dimmed the glist'ning bayonet,

Each soldier-eye shall brightly turn
To where thy sky-born glories burn,
And, as his springing steps advance,
Catch war and vengeance from the glance.
And, when the cannon-mouthing loud
Heave in wild wreaths the battle-shroud,
And gory sabres rise and fall
Like shoots of flame on midnight's pall :
There shall thy victor-glances glow,
And cow'ring foes shall shrink beneath
Each gallant arm that strikes below
That lovely messenger of death !

Flag of the seas ! on ocean-wave
Thy stars shall glitter o'er the brave.
When Death, careering on the gale,
Sweeps darkly round the bellied sail,
And frightened waves rush madly back
Before the broadside's reeling rack :
The dying wand'rer of the sea
Shall look alone to heaven and thee,
And smile to see thy splendors fly
In triumph o'er his closing eye.

Flag of the free heart's hope and home,
By angel-hands to valor given,
Thy stars have lit the welkin dome,
And all thy hues were born in heaven !
And, fixed as yonder orb divine
That saw thy bannered blaze unfurled,
Shall thy proud stars resplendent shine,
The guard and glory of the world !

The American Flag.

Nº1. Chorus.

(Colors of Flag.)

Lento maestoso.

A. DVORÁK.

Op. 102.

Piano.

Alto Solo. (4 voices only, if sung by Chorus.)

robe_ of night And set the stars_ of glo - rythere! > > >
dim. *p* *pp*
fz *dim.* *p* *pp* *ff*
p

She
fz *p* *pp* *ppp*

min-gled with its gor-geous dyes The milk - y bal-dric of the skies, And
ppp *fz* *p*

striped its pure, ce - les - tial white With streak - ings of the morn - ing
ALTO TUTTI *p*

When **TENOR TUTTI** *p*
 When **BASS TUTTI** *p*

mf *molto cresc.* *ff* *> > trill*

Chorus.

light.—

Free - dom from her moun - tain-height Un-furld her stand - ard
 Free - dom from her moun - tain - height Un-furld her stand - ard

p

to — the air, She tore — the a - zure robe — of night — And
 to — the air, She tore — the a - zure robe — *sempre cresc.* of night — And

p

cresc. *sempre più cresc.*

set — the stars — of glo - ry there!

set — the stars — of glo - ry there!

ff

Solo. (or 4 voices, if sung by Chorus.)

Then, from his mansion in the sun, —

She call'd — her ea-gle-bear-er

down, —

poco a poco

And gave in - to his might - y

poco a poco

hand —

The sym - bol of her

accel.

cresc.

chos - en land.

SOPRANO.

ALTO.

TENOR.

BASS.

f

Maestoso.

fff

hand The sym - bol of her chos - en land, The

fff

hand The sym - bol of her chos - en land, The

fff

sym - bol of her chos - en land, The

Maestoso.

fff marcatis.

symbol of her chosen land.

symbol of her chosen land.

symbol of her chosen land.

ff

fp *p*

pp

dim.

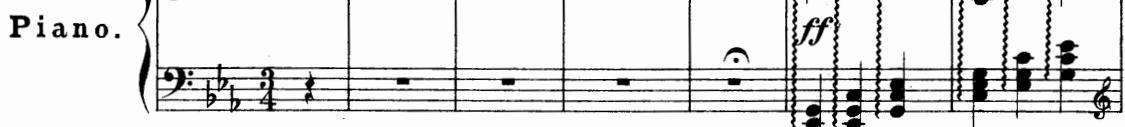
Nº 2. Bass Solo and Chorus.

1st Apostrophe to the Eagle.

Allegro vivace.



Ma - jes - tic monarch of the cloud!



Ma-



jes - tic mon - arch of the cloud, Who rear'st a - loft thy



re - gal form

SOPRANO.

ALTO.

TENOR.

BASS.

Chorus.

To hear the tem - pest -

rear'st a - loft thy re - gal form

rear'st_ a - loft_ thy re - gal form

trump - ings loud, And see the light - ning - lanc - es driv-en,

To

To

cresc.

f

hear the tem - pest - trump - ings loud, And see the light - ning -

hear the tempest - trumpings loud, And see the light - ning -

fff

A musical score for a vocal piece, likely for soprano or alto, with piano accompaniment. The score consists of ten staves of music. The vocal part starts with a dynamic of *f*, followed by *p* and *b2*. The lyrics are: "When strides the warrior of the storm And lanc - es driv-en," repeated. The piano part features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes. The vocal part continues with "rolls the thunder-drum of heav - en:" followed by three repetitions of "When strides the war - rior". The piano part includes dynamics such as *p*, *tr*, *f*, *cresc.*, and *ff*.

When strides the war - rior of the storm And
 lanc - es driv-en,
 lanc - es driv-en,
 rolls the thunder-drum of heav - en:
 When strides the war - rior
 When strides the war - rior
cresc. - - - - - *ff*

And

of the storm And rolls the thunder-drum of heav - en, And

of the storm And rolls the thunder-drum of heav - en, And

rolls_ the thunder-drum of heav - en, And rolls_ the thunder-drum of

rolls the thun - der - drum of heaven, And rolls the thun - der -

rolls the thun - der - drum of heaven, And rolls the thun - der -

s.

ff

heav - en, And rolls the thun - der - drum _____ of

drum of heaven, And rolls the thun - der - drum _____ of

drum of heaven, And rolls the thun - der - drum _____ of

drum of heaven, And rolls the thun - der - drum _____ of

tr

tr

tr

tr

heav-en:

heav-en:

heav-en:

heav-en:

ff

f

p

ppp

pp

2d Apostrophe to the Eagle.

f

Child _____ of _____ the sun!

ff

ff

dim. *p* *pp* 1

Child of the sun! to thee 'tis given To guard the ban - ner

p *cresc.*

secco.

of the free;

Child of the sun! to thee 'tis given To

Child of the sun! to thee 'tis giv-en To

f marc.

To hov - er in the

guard the ban - ner of the free;

guard the ban - ner of the free;

pp

sul - phur - smoke, To ward a - way the bat - tle - stroke,

To

To

CRES.

hov - er in the sul - phur - smoke, To ward a - way the

hov - er in the sul - phur - smoke, To ward a - way the

f

f

And bid its blend - ings shine a - far, Like
 bat - tle - stroke,

bat - tle - stroke,

p

rain-bows on the cloud of war,

f

And bid its blend - ings

f

And bid its blend - ings

f

cresc

ff

ff

The
 shine a - far, Like rain-bows on the cloud of war, The
 ff
 shine a - far, Like rain - bows on_ the cloud_ of_ war, The
 ff
 har - bin - gers____ of vic - to - ry, The har - bin - gers____ of
 har - bin - gers of vic - to - ry, The har - bin - gers of
 har - bin - gers of vic - to - ry, The har - bin - gers of

8

ff

vic - to - ry, The har - bin - gers of vic - - - to -
 vic - to - ry, The har - bin - gers, the har - bin - gers of
 vic - to - ry, The har - bin - gers, the har - bin - gers of

8.

ry!
 vic-to - ry!
 vic-to - ry!
 vic-to - ry!

Nº 3. Tenor & Bass Soli and Chorus.

Allegro giusto, alla Marcia.

Piano.

The musical score is composed of five staves. The first staff, labeled "Piano.", starts with a dynamic ff and consists of eighth-note patterns. The subsequent four staves are for the "Tenor & Bass Soli and Chorus." The vocal parts are mostly sustained notes or simple chords, while the piano part provides harmonic support with more complex patterns. The score includes various dynamics such as ff, f, and >, and performance instructions like "alla Marcia".

A page of sheet music for piano, consisting of eight staves. The music is in common time and major key signature. The notation includes various note values, rests, and dynamic markings such as *mf*, *fz*, *cresc.*, *f*, and *ff*. The piano part features both treble and bass staves, with the bass staff often providing harmonic support through sustained notes or chords.

Musical score for two staves (treble and bass). The score consists of six systems of four measures each. Key signatures change throughout the piece. Dynamics include *p*, *pp*, and *f*. Measure 1: Treble staff has eighth-note pairs; Bass staff has eighth-note pairs. Measure 2: Treble staff has eighth-note pairs; Bass staff has eighth-note pairs. Measure 3: Treble staff has eighth-note pairs; Bass staff has eighth-note pairs. Measure 4: Treble staff has eighth-note pairs; Bass staff has eighth-note pairs. Measure 5: Treble staff has eighth-note pairs; Bass staff has eighth-note pairs. Measure 6: Treble staff has eighth-note pairs; Bass staff has eighth-note pairs. Measure 7: Treble staff has eighth-note pairs; Bass staff has eighth-note pairs. Measure 8: Treble staff has eighth-note pairs; Bass staff has eighth-note pairs. Measure 9: Treble staff has eighth-note pairs; Bass staff has eighth-note pairs. Measure 10: Treble staff has eighth-note pairs; Bass staff has eighth-note pairs. Measure 11: Treble staff has eighth-note pairs; Bass staff has eighth-note pairs. Measure 12: Treble staff has eighth-note pairs; Bass staff has eighth-note pairs. Measure 13: Treble staff has eighth-note pairs; Bass staff has eighth-note pairs. Measure 14: Treble staff has eighth-note pairs; Bass staff has eighth-note pairs. Measure 15: Treble staff has eighth-note pairs; Bass staff has eighth-note pairs. Measure 16: Treble staff has eighth-note pairs; Bass staff has eighth-note pairs. Measure 17: Treble staff has eighth-note pairs; Bass staff has eighth-note pairs. Measure 18: Treble staff has eighth-note pairs; Bass staff has eighth-note pairs. Measure 19: Treble staff has eighth-note pairs; Bass staff has eighth-note pairs. Measure 20: Treble staff has eighth-note pairs; Bass staff has eighth-note pairs.

1st Apostrophe to the Flag.
(*The Foot-Soldier.*)

Un poco meno mosso.

mf Tenor Solo.

Flag _____ of the brave! thy folds _____ shall fly _____
— The sign of hope and tri - umph high!

Tempo I.

When speaks the sig - nal trum - pet tone, And the
long line comes gleam - ing on. Ere
yet the life-blood, warm and wet, Has dimm'd the

glis-t'ning bay - o - net; Each sol - dier -
rit. *p* *f*

eye shall bright - ly turn To where thy sky - born
p *f* *8*

glo - ries burn; And, as his spring - ing steps ad -
8 *cresc.*

vance, Catch war and ven - geance from the glance.
ff rit. *a tempo*
 Chorus. Each sol - dier -
ff a tempo
 Each sol - dier -
ff a tempo

rit. *ff a tempo*

eye shall bright - ly turn To where thy sky - born
 eye shall bright - ly turn To where thy sky - born

8

glo - ries burn, And, as his spring - ing steps ad -
 glo - ries burn, And, as his spring - ing steps ad -

8

ff rit.

vance, Catch war and ven - geance from the glance.

ff rit.

vance, Catch war and ven - geance from the glance.

ff rit.

8

fff rit.

fff a tempo grandioso

mf

Flag of the brave! thy folds shall fly,

p

rit.

Flag of the brave! thy folds shall fly,

p

rit.

Flag of the brave! thy folds shall fly,

p

p rit.

p rit.

a tempo

f rit.

The sign of hope and tri - umph

a tempo *f* rit.

The sign of hope, the sign of hope and tri - umph

fa tempo rit.

The sign of hope, the sign of hope, the sign of hope and tri - umph

a tempo *f* rit.

The sign of hope, the sign of hope and tri - umph

fa tempo rit.

The sign of hope, the sign of hope, the sign of hope and tri - umph

ff a tempo ff *fff rit.*

ff a tempo

high!

ff a tempo

fff

8

dim.

2nd Apostrophe to the Flag.
(The Cavalryman.)

Bass Solo.

f

And when the can - non - mouth - ings loud
Heave in wild wreaths the bat - tle - shroud, And gor - y sa - bres
rise and fall Like shoots of flame on mid - night's

cresc.

pall:

when the can - non - mouth - ings loud Heave in wild

ff

12267 *p* *p* *p* *p* *p*

wreaths the bat - tle - shroud, And gor - y sa - bres

8

rise and fall Like shoots of flame on mid -

fz *fz* *fz* *fz* *fz*

night's pall: *mf* Like shoots of flame on

dim.

Bass Solo.

mournfully p

There

mid - - night's pall:

shall thy vic - tor - glanc - es glow, _____ And cow - 'ring

foes shall shrink be -neath _____ Each gal-lant arm that strikes be -

low _____ That love - ly mes - sen - ger of death!

pp

Chorus.

The musical score consists of eight staves of music. The first staff is a bass staff, followed by four treble staves, another bass staff, three more treble staves, another bass staff, two more treble staves, and finally a bass staff at the bottom. The music is in common time. Various dynamics are indicated throughout, including *pp*, *p*, *mf*, and *mf* with a crescendo arrow. Measure numbers 8 and 16 are shown above certain measures. The lyrics are as follows:

There shall thy vic - tor - glanc-es glow,
 And cow - 'ring foes shall shrink be - neath Each
 gal-lant arm that strikes be - low That love - ly

p *pp* *ppp*

mes - sen - ger of death!

p *pp* *ppp*

Allegro. (L'istesso tempo) ($\text{d} = \text{d}$)

p *p* *pp*

2 6 6

fz *cresc.*

ff

3rd Apostrophe to the Flag.

(The Sailor.)

Chorus.

Flag of the seas! on ocean -

wave Thy stars shall glit - ter

o - ver the brave:

Flag of the seas! on

ff

ff

ff

ff

ff

ff

o - cean - wave _____ Thy stars shall glit - ter
 o - cean - - wave _____ Thy stars shall glit - ter

fz fz fz fz

o'er _____ the brave:
 o'er _____ the brave:

ff
 Flag of the seas! _____ on

fz fz ff f

o - cean - wave _____ Thy stars shall

fz

Thy stars shall
 glitter o'er the brave.
 Thy stars shall
 glitter o'er the brave.
 glitter o'er the brave.
 glitter o'er the brave.
 Flag of the seas! on ocean wave Thy
 ff f f

stars shall glit - ter, shall glit - ter o'er the

fz *fz*

Flag of the seas! _____ on

brave; Flag of the seas! _____ on

ff

o - - - cean - wave _____ Thy stars, _____ thy

o - - - cean - wave _____ Thy stars, thy

stars shall glit - ter o - ver the brave:

When

stars shall glit - ter o - ver the brave:

When Death, ca - reer - ing

Death, ca - reer - ing on the gale,

When Death, ca - reer - ing

Sweeps

Sweeps dark - - - ly round the bel - lied

on the gale, Sweeps

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dark - ly round the bel - lied sail,
 sail, When Death, ca -
 dark - ly round the bel - lied sail,

When Death, ca - reer - ing on the gale,
 reer - ing on the gale, Sweeps
 When Death, ca - reer - ing on the gale,

Sweeps dark - ly round the
 dark - ly round the bel - lied sail,
 Sweeps dark - ly round the

bel - lied sail, And fright - ed waves
 And fright - ed waves
 bel - lied sail, And fright - ed waves

rush mad - ly back Be - fore the broad-side's reel-ing rack,
 rush mad - ly back Be - fore the broad-side's reel-ing rack,
 rush mad - ly back Be - fore the broad-side's reel-ing rack,

Corno.

Bass Solo.

pp mournfully
 The dy-ing wan - d'rer of the sea

pp The dy-ing



p

Shall

wan - d'rer of the sea —

Fl.

Corno

pp

look at once to heav - en and thee,

pp

Shall look at once to heav - en and

thee,

Ped.

And smile to see thy

dim.

splen - dors fly *mf* And smile to see thy splen - dors

Tym. *cresc.*

Ped.

In tri - umph o - ver his
fly

pp

12267 Ped.

Musical score page 43, measures 1-4. The score consists of four staves. The top staff (Bass clef) has a dynamic of **f**. The second staff (Treble clef) has a dynamic of **pp** and lyrics "In tri - umph". The third staff (Treble clef) also has lyrics "In tri - umph" and a dynamic of **pp**. The bottom staff (Bass clef) has a dynamic of **p**. Measures 1-4 show a progression of chords and rests.

Musical score page 43, measures 5-8. The score continues with four staves. The top staff (Bass clef) has a dynamic of **pp**. The second staff (Treble clef) has lyrics "ing eye." and a dynamic of **ppp**. The third staff (Treble clef) has lyrics "o - ver his clos - ing eye." and a dynamic of **ppp**. The bottom staff (Bass clef) has a dynamic of **p**. Measures 5-8 show a continuation of the musical line with specific dynamics and lyrics.

Finale.
(Prophetic.)

Lento maestoso.

Piano.

Bass Solo.

Flag of the free heart's hope and home,

By an - gel-hands to val-or

giv-en,

Thy stars—— have lit the wel - kin

dome,—

And all—— thy hues were born in

Chorus.

heav - en!

And all thy hues were born in

And all thy hues were born in

heav-en!

And, fixed as yon-der orb di - vine

heav-en!

And, fixed as yon-der orb di - vine

That

That

marcato.

saw thy ban-nered blaze un - furled, Shall thy proud stars re - *fff*

saw thy ban-nered blaze un - furled, Shall thy proud stars re - *fff*

ff Tromb.

Tymp.

ffff splen - dent shine, The guard _____ and glo - ry, the _____

ffff splen - dent shine, The guard _____ and glo - ry, the _____

ffff

guard _____ and glo - - ry of the
 guard _____ and glo - - ry of the

Tempo I.

world! _____
 world! _____

Tempo I.