

THE OLD FLAG RIGHT OR WRONG

SONG

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Inspired by Commodore Stephen Decatur, who gave a Toast at
Norfolk, Virginia, in April, 1816:

"OUR COUNTRY! IN HER INTERCOURSE WITH FOREIGN NATIONS, MAY SHE
ALWAYS BE IN THE RIGHT; BUT, OUR COUNTRY, RIGHT OR WRONG"

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INTROD.
Con Spirito

PIANO *ff*

VOICE

1. When
2. We've

mf

Bet - sy Ross made_ that dear flag - she_ made it hand - some too, U -
had our own big - quar - rel here but_ that is all gone by, Now

ni - ting na - tures col - ors in the_ old Red, White and Blue, To_
North and South u - ni - ted are to_ keep that flag on high, With

The musical score is arranged in three systems. Each system contains a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano part is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first system is an introduction marked 'Con Spirito' and 'PIANO' with a fortissimo (ff) dynamic. The second system begins the vocal melody with two versions: '1. When' and '2. We've'. The piano accompaniment continues with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic. The third system contains the main lyrics of the song, with the vocal line and piano accompaniment continuing together.

mark a place in — this wide world where all free men be - long, So
 Yan-kee Doo-die — Dix-ie too we'll brave-ly march a - long, Go

'neath Old Glo - ry we will stand, For the old flag right or wrong.
 in and fight with all our might For the old flag right or wrong.

CHORUS
 Then cheer boys cheer Let your voic-es ring out strong, And

say can't you see, The — old flag right or wrong.

rit. *ff* *a tempo* *f*

rit. *ff* *f* *a tempo*

3.

Our history has been glorious,
 We've never feared a foe.
 In times gone by, so all may know
 We will not do it now.
 When East and West and North and South
 To that old banner throng,
 To show the world that we are for,
 The old flag, right or wrong.

CHORUS

Then cheer, boys, cheer,
 Let your voices ring out strong.
 And, say, can't you see
 The old flag, right or wrong.

4.

No party talk for you or me,
 The khaki we'll put on,
 Or else the good old navy blue,
 To see what can be done.
 Our country's calling, we must go,
 To help the cause along,
 So take your places in the ranks
 For the old flag, right or wrong.

CHORUS

Then cheer, boys, cheer,
 Let your voices ring out strong.
 And, say, can't you see
 The old flag, right or wrong.