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Piano introduction in G minor, 4/4 time. The right hand plays a series of chords and eighth notes, while the left hand provides a steady bass line with quarter notes.

## VOICE

1. O, thou ho - ly sym - bol of na - tion we love, Thou  
 2. O, thou rip - pling flag sing a re - qui - em sweet, O'er  
 3. Thou flag of our un - ion, thou red, white and blue, Thou

Piano accompaniment for the first vocal line, corresponding to the lyrics above. It features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

Vocal line for the second vocal part, corresponding to the lyrics below. It is a single melodic line in G minor.

star - span-gled ban - ner now float - ing a - bove, Un - furl - ing thy folds o - ver  
 grass - cov - ered mounds where in si - lence they sleep Those sol - diers so true, who have  
 em - blem of lib - er - ty, al - ways so true, Un - tram - meled thy folds by im -

Piano accompaniment for the second vocal line, corresponding to the lyrics above. It continues the eighth-note accompaniment pattern.

Vocal line for the third vocal part, corresponding to the lyrics below. It is a single melodic line in G minor.

land of the free, In - sig - ni - a true of blood bought lib - er - ty.  
 fol - lowed thy lead, Thro' smoke of the bat - tle that men might be freed.  
 per - i - al bands, Un - tar - nished thy col - ors by trait - or's foul hands.

Piano accompaniment for the third vocal line, corresponding to the lyrics above. It concludes the piece with a final chord in the right hand and a sustained bass note in the left hand.

CHORUS

Thou emblem of true lib-er - ty, lib-er - ty, lib-er - ty,  
lib-er - ty, lib-er - ty, lib-er - ty,

Thy beau-ti-ful folds wave so free, Over Pa-tri'ts on land and on sea.

4.

Thou bright flowry flag, wilt thou safe vigils keep,  
As ships plough the waves of the foam crested deep,  
Yea, God of the nations, protect our brave hosts,  
When led by our flag, they approach teuton coasts.

CHORUS

5.

When battles are raging, and shot falls like hail,  
When gore fills the trenches, as weapons impale,  
Thou banner of freedom, inspire thou the brave,  
When life-blood has ebbed, make thou hallowed  
their grave.

CHORUS

6.

Thou emblem of liberty, speed o'er the breeze,  
The story of freedom beyond the dark seas;  
"Divine Right of Man?"—not "Divine Right of King,"  
The song of the free, make all nations to sing.

CHORUS

7.

O, God of the Nations, make OUR FLAG to wave,  
O'er triumphant hosts, loyal soldiers so brave,  
Give peace to our nation, yea, peace to the world;  
Let liberty's flag over all be unfurled.

FINAL CHORUS

Thou emblem of true Lib-er-ty - Lib-er-ty - Lib-er-ty,  
May God give us peace, through thy lead,  
When all men on the earth shall be freed.

