

THE ENSIGN OF THE FREE



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Moderato con spirito.

From north-ern pine to south-ern vine It waves for you and me, From
east-ern vales to west-ern trails, The en-sign of the free. Hur-

CHORUS.
rah! all hur - rah! The en - sign of the free! Hur -
rah, hur - rah! a - gain hur - rah! Three times three!

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of four systems of music. The first system is in common time (C) and features a melody in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The second system continues the melody and bass line, ending with a double bar line and a key signature change to D major and a time signature change to 2/4. The third system is the chorus, starting with a key signature of D major and a time signature of 2/4. The fourth system continues the chorus, ending with a double bar line and a key signature change to D major and a time signature change to 2/4.

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From arctic night to tropics bright
And on the ocean's wave;
In valleys deep, on mountains steep,
It has defenders brave.

Chorus.

3

For youngsters gay and parents gray
It flies, a welcome sight;
The Boys in Blue, and sailors too,
It leads in ev'ry fight!

Chorus.

4

Our fathers wrought and nobly fought
To put it in its place;
So will the sons guard well their guns,
All dangers bravely face.

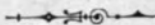
Chorus.

5

And many clans from foreign lands
Are to our ensign true;—
Oh! shining stars, Oh! gleaming bars—
Salute! We all love you!

Chorus.

“The Ensign of the Free,” and why written.



This patriotic song was written for children. While the tune is simple and easily carried it is vigorous.

The words teach:

First. The extent of our possessions; the power and glory of the country. During the greater portion of the year the sun never sets on the American ensign.

Second. That the national emblem is properly called the ensign, not flag.

Third. That its lovers and defenders are innumerable.

Fourth. That the domestic life of the people is cheered by its presence.

Fifth. Its influence upon the Army and Navy.

Sixth. Tribute paid to our ancestors for their wisdom and bravery.

Seventh. Our duty to protect and defend the ensign.

Eighth. Acknowledging the loyalty of many from foreign countries now making this land their home.

Ninth. An outburst of patriotic enthusiasm for the beauty of the ensign, and, by saluting it, a declaration of our love and devotion to the principles and privileges it represents.

Tenth. The chorus stirs the blood. A room full of children bring out the last line, “Three times three!” in a way to make it remembered.

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