

Columbia, The Gem of the Ocean

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Spirited

1. Oh, Co - lum - bia, the gem of the o - cean,
2. When war winged its wide des - o - la - tion,
3. The star - spang - led ban - ner bring hith - er,

The home of the brave and the free,
And threat - ened the land to de - form,
O'er Co - lum - bia's true sons let it wave;



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The ___ shrine of each pa - triot's de - vo - tion,
The ___ ark then of free - dom's found - a - tion,
May the wreaths they havewon nev - er with - er,



A ___ world of - fers hom - age to thee. Thy ___
Co - lum - bia, rode safe ___ thru' the storm: With the
Nor its stars ___ cease to shine on the brave. May the

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man - dates make he - roes as - sem - ble, _____ When _____
gar - lands of vic - t'ry a - round her, When so
ser - vice, u - ni - ted, ne'er sev - er, But _____

The first system of the musical score consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is written in a single treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The piano accompaniment is written in a grand staff with a treble and bass clef, also in one flat. The music is in 4/4 time. The vocal line begins with a whole note chord, followed by a half note, and then a quarter note. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords in the right hand.

Lib - er - ty's form _____ stands in view; Thy _____
proud - ly she bore _____ her brave crew, With her
hold to their col - ors so true; The _____

The second system of the musical score continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line has a similar structure to the first system, with a whole note chord, a half note, and a quarter note. The piano accompaniment continues with the same rhythmic and harmonic patterns. The system concludes with a final whole note chord in both the vocal and piano parts.

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ban - ners make tyr - an - ny trem - ble, When
flag poud - ly float - ing be - fore her, The ___
ar - my and na - vy for - ev - er, Three

The first system of musical notation includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment consists of a right-hand melody and a left-hand bass line.

borne ___ by the red, white and blue, When
boast, ___ of the red, white and blue, The ___
cheers ___ for the red, white and blue, Three

The second system of musical notation continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in the vocal line.

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borne by the red, white and blue, When borne by the red, white and
boast of the red, white and blue, The — boast of the red, white and
cheers for the red, white and blue, Three cheers for the red, white and

The first system of musical notation consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and a treble line with chords and moving lines.

blue, Thy — ban - ners make tyr - ran - ny
blue, With her flag proud - ly float - ing be -
blue, The — ar - my and na - vy for -

The second system continues the musical notation. The vocal line has a melodic line with some rests. The piano accompaniment continues with a consistent rhythmic pattern.

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trem-ble When borne by the red, white and blue.
fore her, The boast, of the red, white and blue.
ev - er, Three cheers for the red, white and blue.