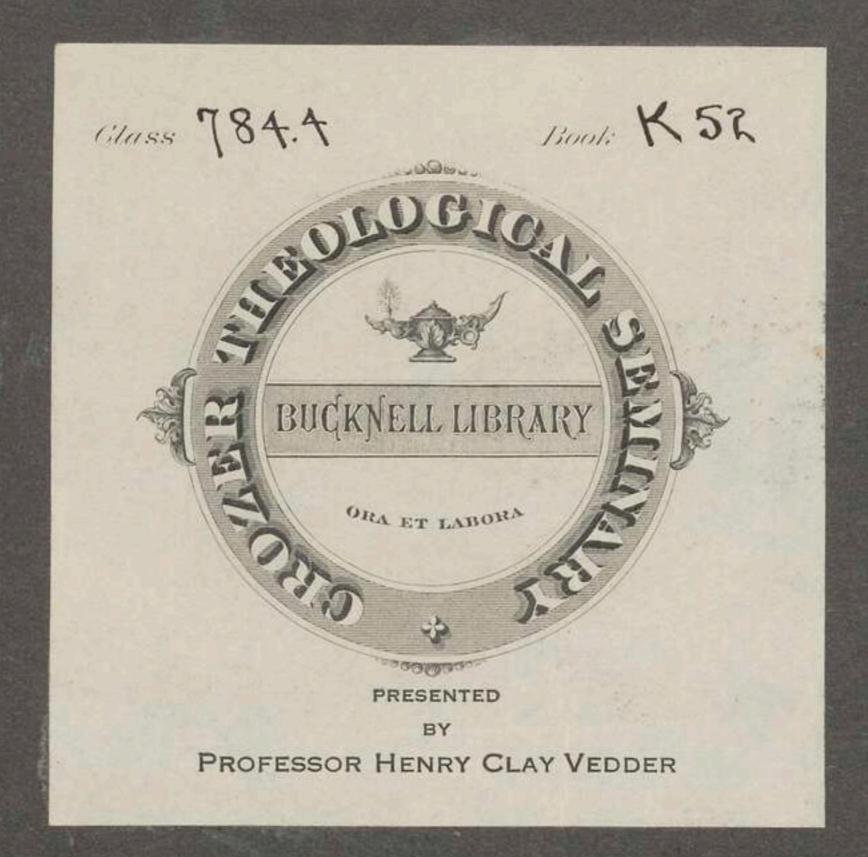
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### THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

JOHN STAFFORD SMITH FRANCIS SCOTT KEY (1750 - 1836)(1780 - 1843)With spirit ( = 104) see\_ by the dawn's ear - ly light, What so proud - ly we 1. Oh,\_ say! can you seen thro' the mists of the deep, Where the foe's haugh-ty 2. On the shore, dim-1y ev-er when\_ free-men shall stand Be - tween their loved 3. Oh, thus be it hail'd at the twi-light's last gleam-ing, Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro'the per - il - ous host indread si-lence re - pos - es, What is that which the breeze, o'er the tow - er - ing homes and the war's des- o - la - tion! Blest with vic - t'ry and peace, may the heav'n-res-cued fight, O'er the ram-parts we watch'd were so gal-lant-ly stream-ing? And the rock-et's red steep, As it fit - ful - ly blows, half con-ceals, half dis - clos - es? Now it catch - es the land Praise the Pow'r that hath made and pre-served us a na - tion! Then\_ con-quer we

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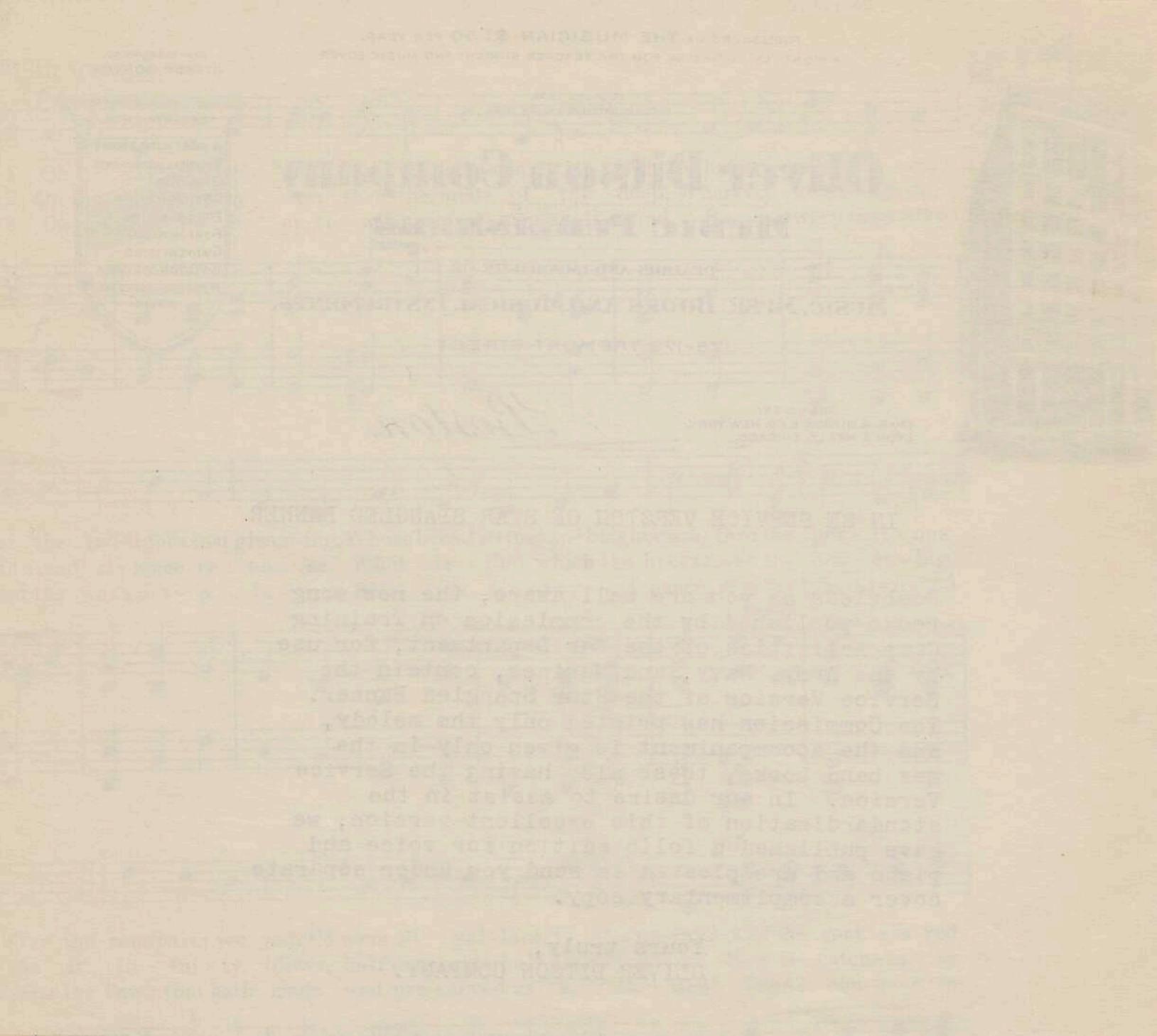
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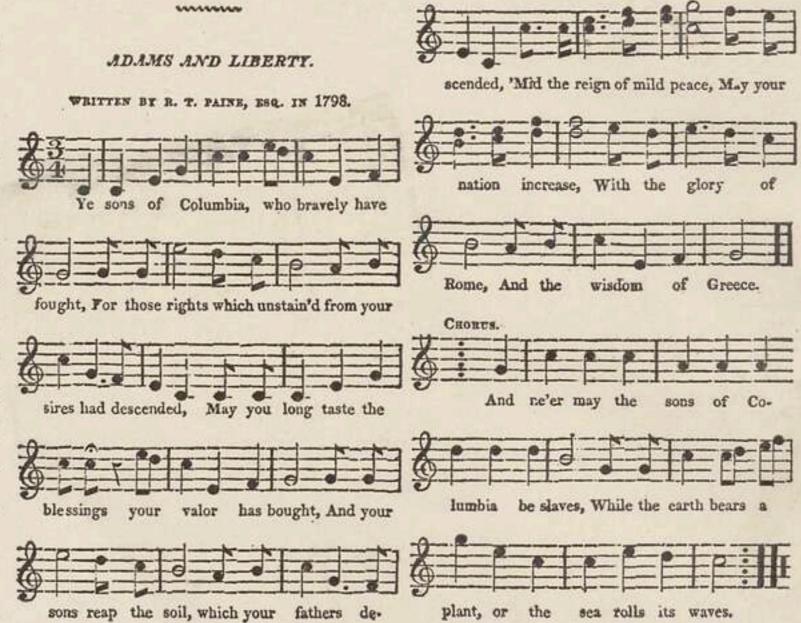
THE music to which *The Star-Spangled Banner* is sung was written by John Stafford Smith, an English organist and composer of prominence. He was born at Gloucester about March, 1750, and died in London, September 21, 1836. About 1775 Smith wrote the music for a convivial song



JOHN STAFFORD SMITH

Tomlinson—To Anacreon in Heaven, which became well known as "The Anacreontick Song."

Its popularity crossed the Atlantic and the melody was used in this country with various texts, the most widely sung being Adams and Liberty by Robert Treat Paine of Boston. This was



first sung and published on June 1, 1798, and became very popular. When The Star-Spangled

Banner appeared in Baltimore sixteen years later it was labelled "To be sung to the tune of Anacreon in Heaven."

The text of *The Star-Spangled Banner* was written by Francis Scott Key, a lawyer by profession, who was born in Frederick County, Maryland, August 9, 1780, and died in Baltimore, January 11, 1843.



FRANCIS SCOTT KEY

About September 12, 1814, Key, with the approval of President Madison, visited the Admiral of the British fleet in Chesapeake Bay to secure the release of his friend Doctor Beanes. This was granted but Key and his party were detained on board because of the intended attack on Baltimore. The patriot Key was thus compelled to witness the bombardment of Fort McHenry which began on the morning of September 13th, and lasted until the early hours of the 14th when "by the dawn's early light" he saw "that our flag was still there." The attack having failed, Key and his party were released and the fleet withdrawn. In the fervor of the moment Key sketched the lines of the song on the back of a letter and finished them after reaching Baltimore. They were printed in the Baltimore Patriot of September 20th, 1814, the Baltimore American of September 21st, and in a handbill struck off at the time.

A comparison of Adams and Liberty, given above, with The Star-Spangled Banner shows how the attrition of a hundred years has gradually changed

the melody, softening the angularity of the original and adding zest to the rhythm. The great war of 1914–18 having brought the song into new prominence and nation-wide use it became necessary to prepare a standard version for the Army and Navy song and band books and for School and Community singing. For this purpose the version printed within was prepared by a Committee of Twelve.—w. A. F.



