



Say Can You See



What's the Story?

You might know that the national **anthem** of the United States is “The Star-**Spangled** Banner.” You may have sung it. Do you know all the words? Do you know what they mean?



What about the song's history? You might know that it was written by Francis Scott Key. But have you heard the rest of the story behind the words?

It began with a war. A war that the United States was losing.



Francis Scott Key

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Gallantly Streaming?

It's a bright, sunny day at the baseball field. Dennis takes off his cap for the national anthem. He holds the hat over his heart and tries to sing along.

"O say can you see! By the dawn's early light! What so proudly we... um, er, uh... gleaming," Dennis sings.

"*Gallantly streaming?* What in the world is going on in this song anyway?" he wonders.



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