

If ever it was decided to change our national anthem by popular vote, the winner —by a landslide—would be "God Bless America," a song that sums up in just a few phrases the deep love, honor and hope that we share in our great and beautiful land. When Berlin wrote his first Army show, Yip Yip Yaphank, in 1918, he cut out the song rather than risk being accused of "flagwaving." Twenty years later Kate Smith was persuaded to risk the same accusation and introduced the song on an Armistice Day radio program. Berlin, refusing to cash in on his patriotism, assigned all royalties from the song to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.



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GOD BLESS AMERICA

F
Moderately

Fmaj7/Abass **A^{dim}** **C7**

God *mp* Bless A - mer - i - ca Land

Gm7 **C7** **F** **Fmaj7** **F7** **B^b** **B⁹** **F**

that I love Stand be - side her and guide her

Dm **G7** **C7** **F**

Thru the night with a light from a - bove.

C7 **F**

From the moun - tains to the prai - ries

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C7 F7 Ab7 Cm F7

To the oceans white with foam

Detailed description: This system contains the first two measures of the piece. The treble clef staff has a melody starting with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and Bb4. The bass clef staff has a bass line starting with a half note G2, followed by quarter notes A2 and Bb2. A triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, Bb4) is shown in the bass clef staff. Chord diagrams for C7, F7, Ab7, Cm, and F7 are provided above the staff.

Bb F/Abass C7/Ebass F A7 Dm Gm7 F/Cbass

God Bless America My home

Detailed description: This system contains the next two measures. The treble clef staff has a melody starting with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and Bb4. The bass clef staff has a bass line starting with a half note G2, followed by quarter notes A2 and Bb2. Chord diagrams for Bb, F/Abass, C7/Ebass, F, A7, Dm, Gm7, and F/Cbass are provided above the staff.

C7 F7 Ab7 Cm F7 Bb

sweet home. God

Detailed description: This system contains the next two measures. The treble clef staff has a melody starting with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and Bb4. The bass clef staff has a bass line starting with a half note G2, followed by quarter notes A2 and Bb2. Chord diagrams for C7, F7, Ab7, Cm, F7, and Bb are provided above the staff.

F/Abass C7/Ebass F A7 Dm Gm7 F

Bless America My home

Detailed description: This system contains the next two measures. The treble clef staff has a melody starting with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and Bb4. The bass clef staff has a bass line starting with a half note G2, followed by quarter notes A2 and Bb2. Chord diagrams for F/Abass, C7/Ebass, F, A7, Dm, Gm7, and F are provided above the staff.

C7 F

sweet home.

Detailed description: This system contains the final two measures. The treble clef staff has a melody starting with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4 and Bb4. The bass clef staff has a bass line starting with a half note G2, followed by quarter notes A2 and Bb2. Chord diagrams for C7 and F are provided above the staff.