

## National Museum of American History / USA Weekend Star-Spangled Banner Singing Contest

Sing the national anthem your way! Upload a video of yourself singing the first stanza of the Star-Spangled Banner and enter to win the singing contest sponsored by the National Museum of American History and USA Weekend. The grand prize winner will receive a trip to Washington, D.C., to perform the national anthem at the National Museum of American History and at a Baltimore Orioles game on Flag Day (Sunday, June 14, 2009).

To enter the contest, please submit your video by April 13, 2009. For more information visit <http://americanhistory.si.edu/starspangledbanner/sing>

Your video will be judged based on YouTube popularity, overall appeal of your vocal performance, originality, and the *accuracy of lyrics*.

### First Stanza of the Star-Spangled Banner

O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight  
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,  
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

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