

God Bless America

Irving Berlin - 1919 - Revised 1938

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Intro

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G C G D

D 3. 5 2 3 3. 3 2. 4 5 3. 5 3 0. 6 3 2 2
A 3. 6 4 4. 4 3. 6 6 3. 3 1. 3 3 3
D 5. 6 7 8 6 6. 6 4. 5 6 7 5. 5 3. 4 5 6 4 4

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G C C#maj

D 2. 2 2 0 0 9 0 10 3. 5 11 3 3. 3 3 6+-
A 3. 3 3 0 1 1 3. 6 4 4. 4 4 6+-
D 4. 4 4 3 2 4 3 3 5. 6 7 8 6 6. 6 6+- 7 8

Bm D Em D

13 D 6+- 5. 14 5 5. 15 5 2 16 2. 17 1 0 18 0
A 6+- 5. 5 5. 5 3 3. 1 1 3 3
D 6+- 7. 7 7. 7 7 7 7 4 4. 3 2 1 2 4 4

Melody

G D Em D G D

19 D 0 20 0 21 0. 22 0 23 2 24 0 2
A 1 0 1 0. 0 0 3 1 3
D 3 2 1 2. 1 0 0 4 3 4

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G D C G

25 26 27 28 29 30

D 3 3 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3
 A 3 3 3 4 4 1+- 1+- 4 3 1 1
 D 5 5 4 5 6 1 1 6 5 0 0 3 4

D G D G

31 32 33 34 35 36

D 3 2 0 0 2 0 0 0
 A 3 3 1 1 0 0 0 1
 D 5 4 3 4 3 2 3 3 2 3 4 0 0 3 4

D C D G

37 38 39 40 41 42

D 3 0 2 3 0 3 3 5 5
 A 3 0 3 4 0 3 3 6 6
 D 5 0 4 5 6 2 2 5 6 7 7

C D C G D G C G D

43 44 45 46 47 48

D 6 4 3 3 2 0 3 3 2
 A 6 5 4 3 3 1 4 3 3
 D 8 7 6 5 4 3 6 5 4

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G C D C G C

49 50 51 52 53 54

D 5 5 6 4 3 0 0 3
 A 6 6 6 5 4 1 1 4
 D 7 7 8 7 6 5 4 3 6

G D G

55 56 57 58

D 3 2 0 0
 A 3 3 1 1
 D 5 4 3 3

Irving Berlin originally wrote this song during World War 1, in 1919, while he was in the US Army. He revised the song in 1938 prior to our coming involvement in World War 2. The introduction to the song is not usually played or sung; however, the words are important in as much as they set the tone of the song as both a prayer and a patriotic song. " As the storm clouds gather..." The song begins with those words; the fact that Nazi Germany was overrunning Europe and Imperial Japan was gobbling up Asia and China.

Lyrics - Intro:

While the storm clouds gather far across the sea . Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free.
 Let us all be grateful for a land so fair, As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer.

Melody:

God bless America, land that I love,
 Stand beside her and guide her
 Through the night with a light from above.
 From the mountains, to the prairies,
 To the oceans white with foam,
 God bless America,
 My home sweet home.