

Military

The Marine's Hymn

From the halls of Montezuma
To the shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country's battles
In the air, on land, and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title of
THE UNITED STATES MARINES.

Our flag's unfurled to every breeze
From dawn to setting sun;
We have fought in every clime and place
Where we could take a gun;
In the snow of far off northern lands
And in sunny tropic scenes;
You will find us always on the job
UNITED STATES MARINES

Here's health to you and to our Corps
Which we are proud to serve;
In many a strife we've fought for life
And never lost our nerve;
If the Army and Navy
Ever look on Heaven's scenes;
They will find the streets are guarded by
UNITED STATES MARINES

Air Force Hymn

Lord, guard and guide those who fly
Through the great spaces in the sky;
Be with them traversing the air
In darkening storms or sunshine fair;

You who support with tender might
The balanced birds in all their flight
Lord of the tempered winds, be near,
That, having you, they have no fear.

Control their minds with instinct fit,
Whene'er adventuring, they quit
The firm security of land;
Grant steadfast eye and skillful hand.

Aloft in solitudes of space
Uphold them with your saving grace
O God, protect those who fly
Through lonely ways beneath the sky.

U.S. Army Hymn (God of Our Fathers)

God of our fathers,
Whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty
All the starry band
Of shining worlds
In splendor thro' the skies.
Our grateful songs
Before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine
Hath led us in the past
In this free land
By Thee our lot is cast,
Be Thou our ruler,
Guardian, guide, and stay,
Thy Word our law,
Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms,
From deadly pestilence,
By Thy strong arm
Our ever sure defense,
Thy true religion
In our hearts increase,
Thy bounteous goodness
Nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people
On their toilsome way,
Lead us from night
To never-ending day,
Fill our lives
With love and grace divine,
And glory, laud, and praise
Be ever Thine

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Independence Forever

From lives well spent
earthly duties we learn,
From childhood dreams
to active virtue turn;
Let freedom, friendship,
faith our soul engage,
And serve, like them,
our country and our age.

The Navy Hymn

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who biddest the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at Thy Word,
Who walked on the foaming deep
And calm amidst its rage didst sleep,
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!

O Trinity of love and power!
Our family shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect us wheresoever we go;
Thus evermore will rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Spouse

Should You Go First

Should you go first and I remain
To walk the road alone,
I'll live in memory's garden, dear,
With happy days we've known.

In Spring I'll wait for roses red,
When fades the lilac blue,
In early Fall, when brown leaves call
I'll catch a glimpse of you.

Should you go first and I remain
For battles to be fought,
Each thing you've touched along the way
Will be a hallowed spot.
I'll hear your voice, I'll see your smile,
Though blindly I may grope,
The memory of your helping hand
Will buoy me on with hope.

Should you go first and I remain
To finish with the scroll,
No length'ning shadows shall creep in
To make this life seem droll.
We've known so much of happiness,
We've had our cup of joy,
And memory is one gift of God
That death cannot destroy.

Should you go first and I remain,
One thing I'd have you do:
Walk slowly down that long, lone path,
For soon I'll follow you.
I'll want to know each step you take
That I may walk the same,
For some day down that lonely road
You'll hear me call your name.