



THE FLAG

"Here's to the red of it;
 There's not a thread of it,
 No, nor a shred of it,
 In all the spread of it,
 From foot to head,
 But heroes bled for it,
 Faced steel and lead for it,
 Precious blood shed for it,
 Bathing in red.

"Here's to the white of it;
 Thrilled by the sight of it,
 Who knows the right of it
 But has felt the might of it
 Through day and night;
 Womanhood's care for it
 Made manhood dare for it,
 Purity's prayer for it
 Kept it so white.

"Here's to the blue of it;
 Heavenly view of it,
 Star-Spangled hue of it,
 Honesty's due of it,
 Constant and true;
 Here's to the whole of it,
 Stars, Stripes, and pole of it
 Here's to the soul of it,
 Red, White, and Blue."