

# Columbia the Gem of the Ocean

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O, Columbia! the gem of the ocean,  
The home of the brave and the free,  
The shrine of each patriot's devotion,  
A world offers homage to thee.

Thy mandates make heroes assemble  
When Liberty's form stands in view;  
Thy banners make tyranny tremble  
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When war winged its wide desolation,  
And threatened the land to deform,  
The ark then of freedom's foundation,  
Columbia, rode safe through the storm:

With her garlands of vict'ry around her,  
When so proudly she bore her brave crew,  
With her flag proudly floating before her,  
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The star-spangled banner bring hither,  
O'er Columbia's true sons let it wave;  
May the wreaths they have won never wither,  
Nor its stars cease to shine on the brave:

May the service, united, ne'er sever,  
But they to their colours prove true;  
The Army and Navy forever,  
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