

## The Banner Yet Waves

As bombs lit up the Fort McHenry sky,  
Like fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July,  
The Stars & Stripes continued flying high.  
This outward symbol served to notify  
That U.S. soldiers clearly would defy  
The British who returned for one more try.

Before those raiders finally said good-bye,  
Inspired by a patriotic guy,  
Our nations' anthem did exemplify  
A people who would surely rather die  
Than live without their freedom to apply.

This War of 1812 did unify  
This fledgling nation who discovered why  
They needed no one else to justify  
And squarely on themselves they could rely.

Today the Old Line State has great supply  
Of crab cakes and health services to buy.  
The Navy trains new sailors to comply,  
And governmental buildings occupy  
The sprawling suburbs where the land is dry.

