The debate for the state song is shared by Maryland's poet laureate, Vincent Godfrey Burns, who said the song is in "awfully poor taste." Burns said that he appeared before the State Senate last March and urged them to adopt a poem he had written to replace the state song. "We need a song which children can sing in school," Burns said. "No one knew the words to the song, and it didn't have any meaning for today."

The song is more than 100 years out of date, he added. Burns said that his song was being sung in 10 schools now.

Professor John W. Baer of Anne Arundel Community College, who rechecked changing the state song during a lecture at Enoch Pratt Library recently, said that what people like about the song is the refrain, "Maryland, My Maryland"—something Burns managed to preserve in his version.

Beamer said that there is widespread ignorance about the song among Marylanders, most of whom think that it is about the American Revolution." The first and last verses, he said, are the "most outrageous."

When the song is sung publicly, he said, the first verse is usually skipped. The loss of offensive second and third verse are the ones generally sung, he said.

"We have laws against inciting to riot and arson, and we are trying to burn them, but at the same time, we have a state song advocating violent overthrow of the government," Beamer said.

A similar contradiction, Baer, a history professor, said, is that Maryland's Religious Toleration Act of 1649, which in the first paragraph set out assurances including hanging and whipping for those who do not believe in God.

The Maryland Poetry Society is considering sponsoring a contest to rewrite the state song. Charles Crane, president, and an English professor at the Naval Academy, said.

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