

Liberty is a weapon—a shining Sword. It must not be allowed to rust. Freedom is what we make it. In the years of peace we have made it not a buried treasure, but a good investment.

As a Nation, America has guaranteed rights and privileges to the humblest citizen—just because he is a citizen. We have thanked no tyrant for these blessings. We have not wrung our fortune from conquered nations. America has not bowed to false gods, nor worked except for a better civilization. Besides these evidences of physical well-being, we have kept the spiritual pride with which is the mark and triumph of American citizenship.

So these are some things that the Flag means. These are some reasons for the fight in which we are now engaged. We mean to keep these unmatched American blessings. We mean to keep that flag flying.

Today, amid the menacing threats of Nazi and Japanese hordes, we can treasure to our hearts the words of that great Marylander. Yes "Conquer we must" — for, as in 1814, and in all the wars America has fought, before and since, "Our cause it is just".

Like Key, we can cast our eyes Heavenward, with fullest confidence in the Supreme Being whose precepts our American Constitution so well reflects, saying:

"And the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

The Star Spangled Banner