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The Story Of The Star Spangled Banner

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From Washington, the British planned a massive attack on Baltimore. Incidental to the events leading to the war.

At the mouth of Baltimore's harbor sat Fort McHenry. No invasion force could take the city without capturing the fort.

At 7 o'clock on the morning of September 13, 1814, the British naval bombardment of Fort McHenry began.

From a distance, Key anxiously witnessed the battle as the evening wore on. As long as the roar of the guns was heard.

Peering into the darkness for what seemed like an eternity, Key searched in vain for a sign that the British had won.

Moved by the dramatic outcome, Key quickly composed a few lines of poetry on the back of an old manuscript.

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