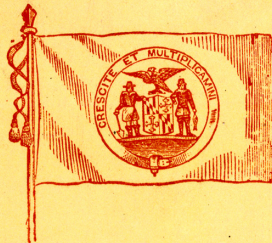


MARYLAND.



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*The despot's heel is on thy shore,
Maryland!
His touch is at thy temple door,
Maryland!
Avenge the patriotic gore
That streaked the streets of Baltimore,
And be the battle queen of yore,
Maryland! My Maryland!*

*Hark to a wand'ring son's appeal,
Maryland!
My mother state to thee I kneel,
Maryland!
For life and death, for weal or woe,
Thy peerless chivalry reveal,
And gird thy beauteous limbs with steel,
Maryland! My Maryland!*

*Thou wilt not cover in the dust,
Maryland!
Thy beaming sword shall never rust,
Maryland!
Remember Carrol's sacred trust,
Remember Howard's warlike thrust—
And all thy slumberers with the just,
Maryland! My Maryland!*

*Come 'tis the red dawn of the day,
Maryland!
Come in thy panoplied array,
Maryland!
With Ringold's spirit for the fray,
With Watson's blood at Monterey,
With fearless Lowe—but where is May?
Maryland! My Maryland!*

*Come! for thy shield is bright and strong,
Maryland!
Come! for thy dalliance does thee wrong,
Maryland!
Come! to thine own heroic throng,
That stalks with Liberty along,
And give a new Key to thy song,
Maryland! My Maryland!*

*Dear Mother! burst the tyrant's chain,
Maryland!
Virginia should not call in vain,
Maryland!
She meets her sisters on the plain—
"SIC SEMPER," 'tis the proud refrain,
That baffles minions back again!
Maryland!
Arise, in majesty again,
Maryland! My Maryland!*

*I see the blush upon thy cheek,
Maryland!
But thou wast ever bravely meek,
Maryland!
But lo! there surges forth a shriek
From hill to hill, from creek to creek—
Potomac calls to Chesapeake,
Maryland! My Maryland!*

*Thou wilt not yield the vandal toll,
Maryland!
Thou wilt not crook to his control,
Maryland!
Better the fire upon the roll,
Better the blade, the shot, the bowl,
Than crucifixion of the soul,
Maryland! My Maryland!*

*I hear the distant thunder-hum,
Maryland!
The Old Line's bugle, fife and drum,
Maryland!
She is not dead, nor deaf, nor dumb—
Huzza! she spurns the Northern scum!
She breathes—she burns! she'll come! she'll come!
Maryland! My Maryland!*