

Washington, Star Of The West - song lyrics

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There's a star in the West, that will never go down,
Till the records of valour decay;
We must worship its light, for it is our own,
And liberty bursts in its ray.
Shall the name of Washington ever be heard
By a freeman and thrill not his breast?
Is there one out of bondage that hails not the name
Of Washington, star of the West?

War! war to the knife-be enthralled or ye die!
Was the echo that waked up the land;
But it was not this frenzy that promoted the cry,
Nor rashness that kindled the brand.
He threw back the fetters, he headed the strife,
Till man's charter was firmly restored;
Then he prayed for the moment when liberty and life
Would no longer be pressed by the sword.

Oh, his laurels were pure, and his patriotic name
In the pages of the future shall dwell,
And be seen in all annals the foremost in fame,
By the side of a Hoffer and Tell.
Then cherish his mem'ry, the brave and the good,
At Mount Vernon the hero now rests;
Peace, peace to his ashes-our father is dead!
Great Washington, star of the West.