

Rule Britannia song lyrics

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RULE BRITANNIA

(18th Century - Traditional British)

When Britain first, at Heaven's command
Arose from out the azure main,
Arose from, arose from out the azure main;
This was the charter, the charter of the Land
And Guardian Angels sang this strain:

Rule Britannia, Britannia rule the waves!
Britons never, ever, ever shall be slaves.
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Britons never, ever, ever shall be slaves.

The nations, not so blest as thee,
Must, in their turns, to tyrants fall,
Must, in their turns, to tyrants fall;
While thou shalt flourish great and free,
The dread and envy of them all.

Rule Britannia, Britannia rule the waves!
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Still more majestic shalt thou rise,
More dreadful from each foreign stroke;
More dreadful, dreadful from each foreign stroke.
As the loud blast, the blast that tears the skies
Serves but to root the native oak.

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Thee haughty tyrants ne'er shall tame;
All their attempts to bend thee down;
All their, all their attempts to bend thee down.
Will but arouse; arouse thy gen'rous flame,
But work their woe and their renown.

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The Muses still with Freedom found
Shall to thy happy coast repair;
Shall to thy happy, happy coast repair.
Blest isle with matchless, with matchless beauty crown'd,
And manly hearts to guard the fair.

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