**Rule Britannia**

a song by Thomas Augustine Arne, 1740

When Britain first at Heav'n's command

Arose from out the azure main;

This was the charter of the land,

And guardian angels sang this strain;

Rule, Britannia! Britannia, rule the waves:

Britons never will be slaves.

The nations not so blest as thee,

Shall 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:

Britons never will be slaves.

Still mor majestic shalt thou rise,

More dreadful from each foreign stroke;

As the loud blast that tears the skies,

Serves but to root thy native oak.

Rule, Britannia! Britannia, rule the waves:

Britons never will be slaves.

Thee haughty tyrants ne'er shall tame,

All their attempts to bend thee down

Will but arouse thy generous flame;

But work their woe, and thy renown.

Rule, Britannia! Britannia, rule the waves:

Britons never will be slaves.

To thee belongs the rural reign;

They cities shall with commerce shine;

All thine shall be the subject main,

And every shore it circles thine.

Rule, Britannia! Britannia, rule the waves:

Britons never will be slaves.

The Muses, still with freedom found,

Shall to thy happy coast repair;

Blest Isle! With matchless beauty crowned,

And manly hearts to guide the fair.

Rule, Britannia! Britannia, rule the waves:

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rule – regere (her: gid… må regere)

command – ordre

arise – stige op

azure – azurblå, himmelblå

main – det åbne hav

charter – privilegium

strain – melodi

blest – velsignede

thee – glds. for you (dig)

thou – glds. for you (du)

shalt – glds. for shall

flourish – blomstre

dread – skræk, rædsel

mor – more

stroke - slag

blast – eksplosion

serve – tjene (et formål), bevirke

but – her: kun

root – få til at slå rod

thy – glds. for your (din, dit, dine)

native – nationale, indfødte

oak – egetræ

haughty – arrogant, overlegen

ne’er – for never

bend down – får til at underkaste sig

arouse – vække, fremkalde

woe – smerte, sorg

renown – ry, omdømme

reign – herredømme

commerce – handel

thine – glds. for your (din, dit, dine)

subject – undertvungen

main – land

shore – kyst

Muse – muse

repair – her: finde

isle – ø

crown – krone

fair – her: rejse