

Our Banner Stands

Words and music: Varyag's Death. Traditional Russian folk song.

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The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Our ban - ner stands o - ver fierce lines of bat - tle. Can - nons and cold waves our
2. Our strength is spent in the roar of the bat - tle. Sai - lors are figh - ting, re -
3. Mer - ci - ful Fa - ther, for - give us for fal - ling. Our bo - dies fade in the

proud ship as - sult. Sad songs of sea - birds des - cend on the sol - diers
sol - ving to die. Shorn sails are fal - len. The ar - mor is bro - ken.
cold sal - ty sea. Car - ry our spi - rits to our na - tive coun - try.

Brave - ly de - fen - ding our coun - try's es - teem.
Lord, hear our prayer. Watch our souls on the sea.
Fa - ther, we beg you: Have mer - cy on us.