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# That's Why We Love You

# Betsy Ross



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AS  
BETSY ROSS

DUNK. N.Y.

By Ivan Reid and Peter DeRose

Writers of

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By IVAN REID  
and P. De ROSE.

Moderato. Vamp.

Piano. *f* *fz* *p*

Down in a town in Penn-syl - van - ia, That ev - 'ry bo - dy  
I won - der what you would be say - ing, If you could see us

knows, \_\_\_\_\_ There lived a maid - en his - t'ry tells - us  
now, \_\_\_\_\_ A mil - lion strong we'll soon be fight - ing

ma - ny, ma - ny years a go, \_\_\_\_\_ She loved her coun - try  
for we mean to show them how, \_\_\_\_\_ A bunch of Lan - ky

and her free - dom, And if she lived to - day, \_\_\_\_\_  
Yanks can hus - tle, As in the days gone by, \_\_\_\_\_

I'd steal a - round some time to Phil - ly and to her I'd soft - ly say:—  
 And ve - ry soon the flag you made us far a - cross the sea will fly:—

Chorus. (In marcial tempo.)

You made a flag they call'd "Old Glo - ry," Wave o'er the land that gave us birth, — You've made a

hun - dred mil - lion peo - ple, quite the hap - pi - est on earth, — You've made a

na - tion bold and fear - less, Who have nev - er known a loss, — Now your ban - ner leads us

on to France, that's why we love you, Bet - sy Ross. You made a Ross. —

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 Author's Note: - See back page for story of first American Flag designed and made by Betsy Ross.

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## Betsy Ross.

Betsy Ross, maker of the first American flag and daughter of Samuel Griscom, who assisted in the erection of Independence Hall, was born in Philadelphia in the year 1752 and in 1773 was married to John Ross, who died in 1776, while serving his country.

Shortly after his death, June 14, 1777, Congress decided upon the design for a National flag. Thirteen stripes alternate red and white, and that the Union be thirteen stars, in a blue field, representing a new constellation.

A committee comprising George Washington, Robert Morris and George Ross, called upon Mrs. Ross and requested her to undertake the sewing of it.

Mrs. Ross, who was noted for her skill in needle work and was engaged in the flag making business previous to the adoption of a National Standard, accepted and offered the suggestion—adopted—that five pointed stars be used in the design, instead of six pointed ones.

Mrs. Ross received a contract to make all government flags and her first commission amounted to £14 12s. 2d. for the flags for the fleet in Delaware River. Her daughter, Mrs. Clarissa Wilson, continued the business until 1857, long after Betsy Ross's death in the year 1836.

In 1898 was formed the Betsy Ross Memorial Association which by 1905 had converted the old home of Betsy Ross into public property, as the American Flag House.

We trust that the old house may long be preserved to keep alive in patriotic hearts the memories that are inseparably associated with the origin of our beautiful banner:

The Glorious Stars and Stripes.