## BY DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT

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Score
Narrator: The War of 1812 was nearing an end, and by all accounts had become a stalemate. Late in August of 1814, however, the British made a successful attack on Washington City, burning several government buildings including the.

Bb Trumpet 1

Bb Trumpet ${ }_{3}^{2}$

## F Horn ${ }_{2}$ <br> F Horn ${ }_{4}^{3}$

Trombone 1

Trombone ${ }_{3}^{2}$
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## Timpani


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Capitol and Presidential Mansion. Spurred on by success, they set sights on Baltimore, then the third-largest city in the country. Torrential rain drenched Baltimore Harbor in the late afternoon of September 13th, but water wasn't the only thing falling from the sky. The British had been firing bombs and
rockets at Fort McHenry since shortly after dawn at a rate of more than one per minute. . $\mathbf{1 1}$


4 in a lopsided contest; for the more powerful ship's guns allowed the fleet to remain beyond artillery fire from the fort. Francis Scott Key witnessed the bombardment while confined aboard the United States cartel ship, Minden, with other American detainees. Canon fire roared through the dark night, Pensive $=60$


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