

Oh Say, What Is Truth?

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1. Oh say, what is truth? 'Tis the fair - est gem That the
 2. Yes, say, what is truth? 'Tis the bright - est prize To which
 3. The scep - tre may fall from the des - pot's grasp When with
 4. Then say, what is truth? 'Tis the last and the first, For the

rich - es of worlds can pro - duce, And price - less the val - ue of
 mor - tals or Gods can as - pire. Go search in the depths where it
 winds of stern jus - tice he copes. But the pil - lar of truth will en -
 lim - its of time it steps o'er. Tho the heav - ens de - part and the

truth will be when The proud mon - arch's cost - li - est
 glit - ter - ing lies, Or as - cend in pur - suit to the
 dure to the last, And its firm - root - ed bul - warks out -
 earth's foun - tains burst, Truth, the sum of ex - is - tence, will

di - a - dem Is count - ed but dross and ref - use.
 loft - i - est skies: 'Tis an aim for the nob - lest de - sire.
 stand the rude blast And the wreck of the fell ty - rant's hopes.
 weath - er the worst, E - ter - nal, un - changed, ev - er - more.