

## **I AM THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

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**My name is Old Glory.**

**I fly atop the world's tallest buildings.**

**I stand watch in America's halls of justice.**

**I fly majestically over institutions of learning.**

**I stand guard with power in the world.**

**Look up...and see me.**

**I stand for peace, honor, truth and justice.**

**I stand for freedom.**

**I am confident.**

**I am arrogant.**

**I am proud.**

**When I am flown with my fellow banners, my head is a little higher, my colors a little bit truer.**

**I bow to no one!**

**I am recognized all over the world.**

**I am worshipped – I am saluted.**

**I am loved – I am revered.**

**I am respected – and I am feared.**

**I have fought in every battle of every war for more than 200 years.**

**I was flown at Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Shiloh and Appomattox.**

**I was there at San Juan Hill, the trenches of France, in the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome and the beaches of Normandy, Guam, Okinawa, Korea and KheSan, Saigon Vietnam knows me.**

**I was there.**

**I led my troops.**

**I was dirty, battle-worn and tired, but my soldiers cheered me**

**And I was proud.**

**I have been burned, torn and trampled on in the streets of countries I have helped set free.**

**It does not hurt, for I am invincible.**

**I have been soiled upon, burned, torn and trampled on the streets of my country.**

**And when it's by those whom I've served in battle –**

**It hurts.**

**But I shall overcome – for I am strong.**

**I have slipped the bonds of Earth and stood watch over the uncharted frontiers of space from my vantage point on the moon.**

**I have borne silent witness to all of America's finest hours.**

**But my finest hours are yet to come.**

**When I am torn into strips and used as bandages for my wounded comrades on the battlefield,**

**When I am flown at half-mast to honor my soldier,**

**Or when I lie in the trembling arms of a grieving parent at the grave of their fallen son or daughter,**

**I am proud.**

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**LONG MAY I WAVE.**

**DEAR GOD IN HEAVEN**

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