**The Stars and Stripes**

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The lonely flagpole in the middle of the greens

Stands tall watching over the land without even a slight lean

The red and white stripes remember those tears

Of wars that brought this country many fears

Stars of white on a background of blue

Flies high for those states from old to new

Some call her Old Glory as she shows her wave

Fighting for the freedom and home of the brave

One person alone cannot bring peace to all

It takes a country joining together to answer that call

As the breeze moves this flag for all to see

Asking that we turn us and them into we

Yes we are the people filled with pride in our hearts

Working together to make this country one instead of parts

Remember our history but build on that beginning

Divisions no more, only help each other to be winning

Our flag as she flies is the same across this country so vast

Let us be neighbors and friends and write a new past

Keep our stars and stripes flying for all the years to come

She flies for all in the country, not just for some

Let your heart feel the love of this beautiful land

That she stands to protect with each caring hand