



## Iowa America 250 Student Contest

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Essay/Poem

Prompt 4: America's Founding Principles

### The Flag, it Flies

Behold the red, the white, the blue,  
Flying so bright, our flag askew,  
I pose this paradox to you,  
What is the most important hue?

The flag, it flies.

And some may say it is the red,  
For crimson, blood for you was shed.  
The men who bravely fought for you,  
And gave their life for country too.

The flag, it flies.

Now, others say white wins the day.  
Our nation's freedom came to stay,  
The founding Fathers paved the way,  
And let the Lord shape them as clay.

Their flag, it flies.

Yet, some still argue blue is best,  
When justice is put to the test.  
Preserve our country, nation whole,  
We must have blue to keep control.

Our flag, it flies.

Then you might ask, "What do you think?"  
And I respond with knowing wink.  
Because the red, the white, the blue,  
I owe the honor that is due.

My flag, it flies.

To that great symbol ever true,  
But is there a most crucial hue?  
I don't believe one stands out best,  
They all through years have stood the test.

The flag, still flies.

Our nation now 250 strong,  
Through perils dark the flag has gone.  
Without our flag we wouldn't be  
America, Land of the Free.

The flag, will fly.