

The First Amendment

to the Constitution of the United States of America

the text from various historical sources,
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Moderately fast (in 2)

S *f* Con - gress shall make no law Con - gress shall make no —

A *f* Con - gress shall make no law Con - gress shall make no —
In general, the tenor part should predominate, as in *The Sacred Harp*

T *f* Con - gress shall make no law Con - gress shall make no

B *f* Con - gress shall make no — law Con - gress shall make no

8 law re - spect-ing an es - tab - lish-ment of re - li - - - gion,

law re - spect-ing an es - tab - lish-ment of re - li - - - gion,

8 law re - spect-ing an es - tab - lish-ment of re - li - - - gion,

law re - spect-ing an es - tab - lish-ment of re - li - - - gion, or pro - hib - it - ing the

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or pro - hib - it - ing the

or pro - hib - it - ing the free — ex - er - cise there - of; —

free — ex - er - cise there - of; the free — ex - er - cise there - - -

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or pro - hib - it - ing the free ex - er - cise there - of; *mp* or a - bridg -
free ex - er - cise, the free ex - er - cise there - of;
or pro - hib - it - ing the free ex - er - cise there - of;
of; or pro - hib - it - ing the free ex - er - cise there - of;

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- ing the free - dom of speech, or of the press; or a - bridg - ing the free - dom of speech, or
mf or a - bridg - ing the free - dom of speech, or

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of the press; or a - bridg - ing the free - dom of speech, or of the press; or a - bridg - ing
of the press; or a - bridg - ing the free - dom of speech, or of the press; or a - bridg - ing
più forte or a - bridg - ing the free - dom of speech, or of the press; or a - bridg - ing
f or a - bridg - ing

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— the free-dom of speech, or of the press; *mp* or the right of the peo-ple peace-a-bly

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to as-semble, and to pe-ti-tion the gov-ern-ment for a re-dress of griev-an-ces, for a re-

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dress of griev-an-ces. *mf* Con-gress shall make no law re-spect-ing an es-tab-lish-

dress of griev-an-ces. *mf* Con-gress shall make no law re-spect-ing an es-tab-lish-

dress of griev-an-ces. *mf* Con-gress shall make no law re-spect-ing an es-tab-lish-

dress of griev-an-ces. *mf* Con-gress shall make no law re-spect-ing an es-tab-lish-

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ment of re - li - gion, or pro - hib - it - ing the free ex - er - cise there - of; or a - bridg - ing the
ment of re - li - gion, or pro - hib - it - ing the free ex - er - cise there - of; or a - bridg - ing the
ment of re - li - gion, or pro - hib - it - ing the free ex - er - cise there - of; or a - bridg - ing the
ment of re - li - gion, or pro - hib - it - ing the free ex - er - cise there - of; or a - bridg - ing the

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free - dom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the peo - ple peace - a - bly to as - sem - ble,
free - dom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the peo - ple peace - a - bly to as - sem - ble,
free - dom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the peo - ple peace - a - bly to as - sem - ble,
free - dom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the peo - ple peace - a - bly to as - sem - ble,

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and to pe - ti - tion the gov -
and to pe - ti - tion the gov - ern - ment for a re - dress of griev - an - ces, _____ and _____

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and to pe - ti - tion the gov - ern - ment for a re - dress of
- ern - ment for a re - dress of griev - an - ces, and to pe - ti - tion the gov - ern -
to pe - ti - tion the gov - ern - ment for a re - dress of griev - an - ces,

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and to pe - ti - tion the gov - ern - ment for a re - dress of griev - an - ces,
griev - an - ces, and to pe - ti - tion a re - dress of griev - an - ces,
ment, pe - ti - tion the gov - ern - ment for a re - dress of griev - an - ces,
a re - dress of griev - an - ces,

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Slower

for a re - dress of griev - an - ces, of griev - an - ces.
for a re - dress of griev - an - ces, of griev - an - ces.
for a re - dress of griev - an - ces, of griev - an - ces.
for a re - dress of griev - an - ces, of griev - an - ces.

At this point the First Interlude may be played. The 2nd and 3rd Amendments are read.