

RULE BRITANNIA

James Thomson (1700–1748)

Thomas Arne (1710–1778)

1. When Britain first at Heav'n's command, A - rose from out the a - zure
 2. The nations not so blest as thee, Shall in their turn to ty - rants
 3. To thee be - longs the ru - ral reign, Thy cit - ies shall with com - merce

main, A - rose, a - rose, a - rose from out the a - zure main, This was the
 bend, Shall in their turn, shall in their turn to ty - rants bend. While thou shalt
 shine, Thy cit - ies shall with com - merce, shall with com - merce shine, And lands far

char-ter, the char-ter of the land, And gaur-dian an - gels sang this strain:
 flour-ish, shalt flour-ish great and free, And to the weak pro - tec - tion lend.
 o - ver, far o'er the spread-ing main, Shall stretch a hand to grasp with thine.

Rule, Bri-tan-nia, Bri-tan-nia rule the waves! Brit-ons nev - er shall be slaves.