America's Emblem, The Violet - song lyrics

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Here's to the land that the whole world acclaims
As the home of the brave and the free;
For with arms wide extended she welcomes all
From every land and sea;
And as earth grows each nation's proud emblem,
So Columbia her right maintains;
To choose from her bower the fairest of flowers
America's emblem, the Violet.

Chords.
France has the Lily, England the Rose,
Everybody knows where the Shamrock grows;
Scotland the Thistle, that grows on the heath,
America's emblem's the Violet.

Here's to the Violet that grows in our midst,
In the forest And woodland wild;
And though humble the flow'ret, it speaks the heart
Of every patriot child;
Though we boast not of army or navy,
Yet should foreign foes dare assail,
Ten millions would fight for freedom and right.
And America's emblem, the Violet.-Chorus.