

# Semper Paratus (Always Ready)

Official Coast Guard Marching Song

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Arranged by Amy Potter

March Tempo

The musical score is written for a marching band in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line is in treble clef and the bass line is in bass clef. The lyrics are: "So here's the Coast Guard Marching Song. We sing on land or sea. Through surf and storm and howling gale, High shall our purpose be. 'Semper Paratus' is our guide. Our fame, our glory, too. To fight to save or fight and die! Aye! Coast Guard, we are for you!"

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