

The Rarest Gem

Alma Mater of Jacksonville State University

In the hills of Alabama, framed by the painted sky,
Stands our noble Alma Mater as the years go by and by.

Silver horn and drum resounding as we stand together true,
Sons and daughters of freedom, we pledge our hearts to you!

Cherry blossom and magnolia, great oak, and longleaf pine
Stir the senses and lead us homeward across the mist of time.

Alma Mater, Alma Mater, we will hearken to your call!
Jacksonville State we'll honor, the Rarest Gem of All!

May your strength never falter, never fail, your virtue never fall!
May your beacon shine forevermore! The Rarest Gem of All!

Lyrics by Gary W. Lewis

Tune: "Jupiter" hymn ("I Vow to Thee, My Country") by Gustav Holst