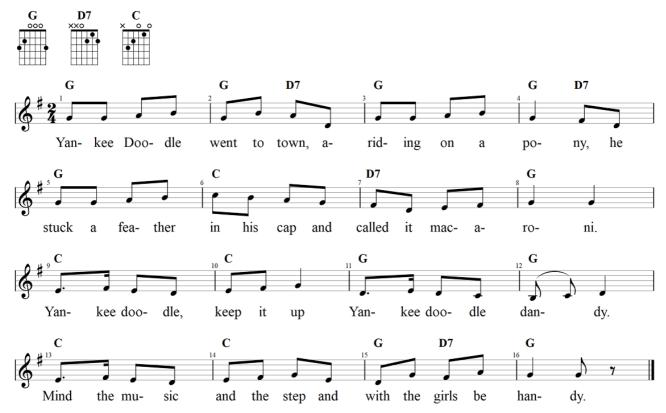
Yankee Doodle

Amerikanisches Volkslied, Kinderlied,

Text: wurde im Laufe der Zeit mehrfach verändert, Melodie: traditionell



Refrain: Yankee doodle, keep it up Yankee doodle dandy Mind the music and the step And with the girls be handy.

Father and I went down to camp Along with Captain Gooding And there we saw the men and boys As thick as hasty pudding.

And there we saw a thousand men As rich as Squire David, And what they wasted every day, I wish it could be savèd.

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There was Captain Washington Upon a slapping stallion A-giving orders to his men I guess there was a million.

Then we saw a swamping gun Large as a log of maple Upon a deuced little cart A load for father's cattle.

Every time they shoot it off It takes a horn of powder It makes a noise like father's gun Only a nation louder.

I went as nigh to one myself As' Siah's underpinning And father went as nigh agin I thought the deuce was in him.

Cousin Simon grew so bold I thought he would have cocked it It scared me so I streaked it off And hung by father's pocket.

And Cap'n Davis had a gun, He kind of clapt his hand on't And stuck a crooked stabbing iron Upon the little end on't.

And there I see a pumpkin shell As big as mother's basin And every time they touched it off They scampered like the nation.

I see a little barrel too, The heads were made of leather They knocked upon it with little clubs And called the folks together.

And there was Cap'n Washington, And gentle folks about him; They say he's grown so 'tarnal proud He will not ride without 'em.

He got him on his meeting clothes, Upon a slapping stallion; He sat the world along in rows, In hundreds and in millions.

The flaming ribbons in his hat, They looked so tearing fine, ah,

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I wanted dreadfully to get To give to my Jemima.

I see another snarl of men A-digging graves, they told me, So 'tarnal long, so 'tarnal deep, They 'tended they should hold me.

It scared me so, I hooked it off, Nor stopped, as I remember, Nor turned about till I got home, Locked up in mother's chamber.

(alternativ: But I can't tell half I see They kept up such a smother So I took my hat off, made a bow And scampered home to mother.)

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