

These tunes are the ones used as part of our marching repertoire. Normally, we play the tune once through, sing it once, and play it again. Note that we do not always sing all of them (the usual ones are “Nellie”, “Washington and Lee”, “Bananas”, “Tipperary”, and “Happy Days”. These are the words we actually sing. To see all the words for most of the tunes, see the other list.

**BALL GAME** (Take Me Out To The Ball Game)

Take me out to the ball game,  
Take me out with the crowd.  
Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack,  
I don't care if I never get back,  
Let me root, root, root for the home team, [perhaps put GIANTS here]  
If they don't win it's a shame.  
For it's one, two, three strikes, you're out,  
At the old ball game.

**BANANAS** (Yes, We Have No Bananas)

Yes! We have no bananas  
We have no bananas today.  
Yes! We have no bananas  
We have no bananas today.  
Oh we have stringbeans,  
And onions,  
Tomatoes<sup>1</sup>  
And grunions,<sup>2</sup>  
And all kinds of fruit - and say:  
We have an old fashioned tomato  
And a long Island potato<sup>3</sup>  
Bye yes!  
We have no bananas,  
We have no bananas today.

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<sup>1</sup>Some say toe-mah-toe and some say toe-may-toe.

<sup>2</sup>The official words are “cabBages and scallions”, but we choose “tomatoes and grunions (a fish)”.

<sup>3</sup>Some say poe-tah-toe and some say poe-tay-toe - let's call the whole thing off.

**BATTLE HYMN** (Battle Hymn of the Republic)

Mine eyes have seen the glory  
Of the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage  
Where the grapes of wrath are stor'd;  
He hath loos'd the fateful lightning  
Of his terrible swift sword:  
His truth is marching on!

Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
Glory, glory, hallelujah!  
His truth is marching on!

**BEER** (To the tune of "Do Re Mi from the Sound of Music – Stolen from Ophir Prison Band)

Dough....I use to buy my beer  
Ray..... the guy who sells me beer  
Me..... the one who drinks the beer  
Fa..... the distance to my beer  
So..... I think I'll have a beer,  
La..... la la la la beer !  
Tea..... No thanks, I'm drinking beer,  
Which brings us back to BEER !  
                  beer, beer, beer.... Dough....

**BEER BARREL POLKA** (Roll Out the Barrel)

Roll out the barrel.  
We'll have a barrel of fun.  
Roll out the barrel.  
We've got the blues on the run.  
Zing, Boom, Ta rah rah.  
Sing out a song of good cheer.  
Now's the time to roll out the barrel, (alt. .. Now we'll have to roll the barrel)  
'cause the gang's all here.

## **CALIFORNIA HERE I COME**

California here I come  
Right back where I started from  
Where bowers of flowers  
Bloom in the spring  
Each morning<sup>4</sup>  
At dawning  
Birdies sing and everything.  
A sunkist maid said “don’t be late”  
That’s why I can hardly wait  
Open up your golden gate  
California, here I come.

## **COLUMBIA THE GEM OF THE OCEAN**

Oh Columbia, the gem of the ocean!  
The home of the brave and the free!  
The shrine of each patriot's devotion-  
a world offers homage to thee.  
Thy mandates make heros assemble  
when Liberty's form stands in view.  
Thy banner makes tyranny tremble-  
When born of the red, white and blue!

(Chorus)

When born of the red, white and blue!  
When born of the red, white and blue!  
Thy banner makes tyranny tremble-  
When born of the red, white and blue!

(alternative chorus:)

Hurrah for the red, white and blue!  
Hurrah for the red, white and blue!  
Thy banner makes tyranny tremble-  
When born of the red, white and blue!

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<sup>4</sup> Al Jolson, who wrote it, said “mawnin” rather than “morning”

## **COMIN' ROUND THE MOUNTAIN**

She'll be comin' round the mountain  
When she comes  
She'll be comin' round the mountain  
When she comes  
She'll be steamin' and a-puffin  
Oh Lawd, she won't stop for nothin'  
She'll be comin' round the mountain  
When she comes

## **DIXIE**

I wish I was in the land of cotton,  
Old times there are long forgotten,  
Look away! Look away!  
Look away! Dixie Land.

In Dixie Land where I was born in,  
Early on one frosty mornin'  
Look away! Look away!  
Look away! Dixie Land.

Then I wish I was in Dixie, Hooray, hooray!  
In Dixie Land I'll take my stand,  
To live and die in Dixie;  
Away, away, away down South in Dixie.  
Away, away, away down South in Dixie.

## **GEORGIA (See Marching through Georgia)**

### **HAPPY DAYS (Happy Days Are Here Again)**

Happy days are here again!  
The skies above are clear again.  
Let us sing a song of cheer again,  
Happy days are here again!

Altogether shout it now!  
There's no one who can doubt it now,  
So let's tell the world about it now  
Happy days are here again!

## **IN HEAVEN THERE IS NO BEER**

In Heaven there is no beer,  
That's why we drink it here,  
And when we are gone from here,  
All our friends will be drinking all our beer.

(Hier gibt es auf Deutsch)

Im Himmel gibt's kein bier  
D'rum trinken wir es hier  
und sind wir nicht mehr hier,  
dann trinken die andern unser bier.

## **I WANT A GIRL**

I want a girl,  
Just like the girl,  
That married dear old Dad.  
She was a pearl,  
And the only girl,  
That Daddy every had.  
A good old fashioned girl,  
With heart so true,  
One who loves,  
Nobody else but you.  
I want a girl,  
Just like the girl,  
That married dear old Dad.

I want a beer,  
Just like the beer,  
That pickled dear old Dad.  
It was a beer,  
And the only beer,  
That Daddy ever had.  
A good old fashioned beer,  
With lots of foam,  
It took three men  
To carry Daddy Home.  
I want a beer,  
Just like the beer,  
That pickled dear old Dad.

**LEANING** (Leaning on the Everlasting Arms)

What a fellow ship, what a joy divine  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

chorus:

Leaning, leaning,  
Safe and secure from all alarms,  
Leaning, leaning  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

**LWCMB ANTHEM**

(David Silverman)

Los Trancos  
Oh, Los Trancos  
Los Trancos Community Marching Band  
The whole band drinks  
Their marching stinks  
But their hi-jinks make everyone feel grand  
You'll always get a smile  
From their eclectic eccentric stype  
So Let's thank thohse folds from Los Trancos  
Los Trancos Woods Community Marching Band!  
Los Trancos Woods Community Marching Band!

**MARCHING THROUGH GEORGIA**

(Henry Clay Work)

Bring the good old bugle boys, we'll sing another song.  
Sing it with a spirit that will start the world along  
Sing it as we used to sing it fifty thousand strong,  
While we were marching through Georgia.

cho: Hurrah! Hurrah! We bring the Jubilee!  
Hurrah! Hurrah! The flag that makes you free,  
So we sang the chorus from Atlanta to the sea,  
While we were marching through Georgia!

## **McNAMARA'S BAND**

Oh, me name is McNamara I'm the leader of the band  
Although we're few in numbers we're the finest in the land  
We play at wakes and weddings and at every fancy ball  
And when we play at funerals we play the March From Saul.

Oh, the drums go bang and the cymbals clang  
And the horns they blaze away  
McCarthy pumps the old bassoon while I the pipes do play  
And Hennessey Tennessee tootles the flute  
And the music is something grand  
A credit to old Ireland is MacNamara's Band.

Ta dada da da, ta da ta da da da, Ta dada da da (etc.)

## **MICKEY MOUSE**

Who's the leader of the club  
That's made for you and me  
M-I-C-K-E-Y M-O-U-S-E  
Hey! there, Hi! there, Ho! there  
You're as welcome as can be  
M-I-C-K-E-Y M-O-U-S-E

Mickey Mouse!  
(Donald Duck)  
Mickey Mouse!  
(Donald Duck)  
Forever let us hold our banner  
High! High! High! High!

Come along and sing a song  
And join the jamboree!  
M-I-C-K-E-Y M-O-U-S-E

## **MY WILD IRISH ROSE**

My wild Irish rose,  
The sweetest flower that grows.  
You may search every where,  
But none can compare,  
With my wild Irish rose.  
My wild Irish rose,  
The dearest flower that grows,  
And some day for my sake,  
She may let me take,  
The bloom from my wild Irish rose.

## **NELLIE (Wait 'til the Sun Shines, Nellie)**

Wait 'til the sun shines, Nellie  
And the clouds go drifting by.  
Wait 'til the sun shines, Nellie,  
Don't you sigh.  
Down lovers' lane we'll wander  
Sweethearts you and I,  
Wait 'til the sun shines Nellie,  
By and by.

## **OVER THERE <sup>5</sup>**

Over there  
Over there  
Send the word  
Send the word  
Over there  
That the Yanks are coming  
The Yanks are coming  
The drums rum-tumming everywhere  
So prepare  
Say a pray'r  
Send the word  
Send the word to beware  
We'll be over  
We're coming over  
And we won't come back 'til it's over over there

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<sup>5</sup>Copied from George M. Cohan's sheet music, 1917

## **SUNSHINE**

Your are my sunshine, my only sunshine  
You make me happy, when sky's are grey  
You'll never know dear,  
How much I love you  
Please don't take, my sunshine away.

The other night dear, as I lay sleeping  
I dreamt I held you in my arms;  
But when I awoke dear  
I was mistaken, and I hung my head and I cried.

Your are my sunshine, my only sunshine  
You make me happy, when sky's are grey  
You'll never know dear,  
How much I love you  
Please don't take, my sunshine away.

## **TAVERN**

Oh, there's at tavern in the town, in the town  
And there my true love sits him down, sits him down  
And drinks his wine as merry as can be  
And never ever thinks of me

Fare the well for I must leave thee  
Do not let this parting grieve thee  
And remember that the best of friends must part  
Must part.

Adieu adieu kind friends adieu, yes adieu  
I can no longer stay with your, stay with you  
I'll hang my heart on a weeping willow tree,  
And may the world go well with thee.

## **TIPPERARY**

It's a long way  
To Tipperary,  
It's a long way  
To go.  
It's a long way  
To Tipperary,  
To the sweetest girl I know.

Oh it's goodbye  
Piccadilly,  
Farewell to Leicester<sup>6</sup> Square.  
For it's a long long way to Tipperary,  
And my heart  
Is there.

## **WALK RIGHT IN**

Walk right in, set right down,  
Daddy, let your mind roll on.  
Walk right in, set right down,  
Daddy, let your mind roll on.  
Everybody's talkin' 'bout a new way of walkin',  
Do you want to lose your mind?  
Walk right in, sit right down  
Daddy, let your mind roll on.

## **WASHINGTON AND LEE SWING**

Washington and Lee and Wash-  
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and Washington and Lee and Washington  
and Lee and Washington  
and Lee and Washington  
and Lee and Washington and Lee and Wash-  
ington and Lee and Washington and Lee  
and Washington and Lee and Washington  
and Lee and Washington.

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<sup>6</sup>Pronounced Lester - the English speak in mysterious ways.

## **WIZARD OF OZ**

We're off to see the Wizard  
The wonderful Wizard of Oz  
We hear he is a wiz of a wiz  
If ever a wiz there was  
If ever oh ever a wiz there was  
The Wizard of Oz is one because  
Because because because because because  
Because of the wonderful things he does  
We're off to see the Wizard  
The wonderful Wizard of Oz

## **YANKEE DOODLE DANDY (The Yankee Doodle Boy)<sup>7</sup>**

I'm a Yankee Doodle dandy  
A Yankee Doodle do or die  
A real live nephew of my Uncle Sam's  
Born on the Fourth of July  
I've got a Yankee Doodle sweetheart  
She's my Yankee Doodle joy  
Yankee Doodle came to London  
Just to ride the ponies  
I am the Yankee Doodle boy

## **YOU'RE A GRAND OLD FLAG<sup>8</sup>**

You're a grand old flag  
Tho' you're torn to a rag [we say "You're a high flyin' flag"]  
And forever in peace may you wave  
You're the emblem of  
The land I love  
The home of the free and the brave

Ev'ry heart beats true  
Under Red, White, and Blue  
Where there's never a boast or a brag  
But should auld acquaintance be forgot  
Keep your eye on the grand old flag

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<sup>7</sup> Copied from George M. Cohan's sheet music, "The Yankee Doodle Boy", 1904.

<sup>8</sup> Copied from George M. Cohan's sheet music, 1906