Yankee Doodle - song lyrics
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YANKEE DOODLE

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

Chorus.
Yankee Doodle, keep it up,
Yankee Doodle Dandy,
Mind the music and the step,
And with the girls be handy.

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

The 'lasses they eat every day,
Would keep our house a Winter;
They have so much that, I'll be bound,
They eat it when they're mind ter.

And there we see a swamping gun,
Large as a log of maple,
Upon a deuced little cart-
A load for father's cattle.

And every time they shoot it off,
It takes a horn of powder,
And 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 again-
I thought the deuce was in him.

Cousin Simon grew so bold,
I thought he would havecocked it;
It scared me so I shrinked it off
And hung by father's pocket.

And Captain 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 seen a pumpkin shell
As big as mother's basin;
And every time they touched it off
They scampered like the nation.

I seen a little barrel, too,
The heads were made of leather.
They knocked upon't with little clubs,
And called the folks together.
And there was Captain Washington,
And gentlefolks about him;
They say he's grown so tarnal proud
He will not ride without 'em.

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

The flaming ribbons in his hat,
They looked so tearing fine, ah!
I wanted pokily to get
To give to my Jemimah.

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

But I can't tell you 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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