

YANKEE DOODLE

Traditional Words and Tune

Guitar Chords Arranged by ELEG for SBWE

(This sheet corresponds to the Steven Kellogg illustration)

First note is G

G A7 D G A7 D
Yankee Doodle went to town, riding on a pony
G C D7 G
Stuck a feather in his hat and called it macaroni.
C G C G
Yankee Doodle keep it up, Yankee Doodle dandy;
C G C D7 G
Mind the music and the step, and with the folks be handy.

G A7 D G A7 D
Father and I went down to camp, along with Captain Good'in.
G C D7 G
And there we saw the men and boys as thick as hasty puddin'.
C G C G
Yankee Doodle keep it up, Yankee Doodle dandy;
C G C D7 G
Mind the music and the step, and with the folks be handy.

G A7 D G A7 D
And there we saw a thousand men, as rich as Squire David;
G C D7 G
And what they wasted everyday, I wish it could be saved.
C G C G
Yankee Doodle keep it up, Yankee Doodle dandy;
C G C D7 G
Mind the music and the step, and with the folks be handy.

G A7 D G A7 D
And there I saw a little keg, its head all made of leather,
G C D7 G
They knocked on it with little sticks, to call the folks together.
C G C G
Yankee Doodle keep it up, Yankee Doodle dandy;
C G C D7 G
Mind the music and the step, and with the folks be handy.

G A7 D G A7 D
And there was Captain Washington upon a slapping stallion,
G C D7 G
A giving orders to his men; I guess there was a million.
C G C G
Yankee Doodle keep it up, Yankee Doodle dandy;
C G C D7 G
Mind the music and the step, and with the folks be handy.

G A7 D G A7 D
And the ribbons on his hat, they looked so very fine, ah!
G C D7 G
I wanted peskily to get to give to my Jemima.
C G C G
Yankee Doodle keep it up, Yankee Doodle dandy;
C G C D7 G
Mind the music and the step, and with the folks be handy.

"...and WITH the FOLKS be handy."

If you would like to know what was meant by these words,
please ask Emily. Yankee Doodle has a fascinating back story!

G A7 D G A7 D
And there I saw a swamping gun, large as a log of maple
G C D7 G
Upon a mighty little cart; a load for father's cattle.
C G C G
Yankee Doodle keep it up, Yankee Doodle dandy;
C G C D7 G
Mind the music and the step, and with the folks be handy.

G A7 D G A7 D
And every time they fired it off, it took a horn of powder;
G C D7 G
It made a noise like father's gun, only a nation louder.
C G C G
Yankee Doodle keep it up, Yankee Doodle dandy;
C G C D7 G
Mind the music and the step, and with the folks be handy.

(play and hum for the two page spread with no words)

C G C G
Yankee Doodle keep it up, Yankee Doodle dandy;
C G C D7 G
Mind the music and the step, and with the folks be handy.

G A7 D G A7 D
The troopers, too, would gallop up and fire right in our faces;
G C D7 G
It scared me almost half to death to see them run such races.
C G C G
Yankee Doodle keep it up, Yankee Doodle dandy;
C G C D7 G
Mind the music and the step, and with the folks be handy.

G A7 D G A7 D
I saw another snarl of men, a-digging graves, they told me,
G C D7 G
So tarnal long, so tarnal deep, they 'tended they should hold me.
C G C G
Yankee Doodle keep it up, Yankee Doodle dandy;
C G C D7 G
Mind the music and the step, and with the folks be handy.

G A7 D G A7 D
It scared me so I hooked it off, nor stopped as I remember,
G C D7 G
Nor turned about till I got home, locked up in mother's chamber.
C G C G
Yankee Doodle keep it up, Yankee Doodle dandy;
C G C D7 G
Mind the music and the step, and with the folks be handy.