Yankee Doodle

The full version of the song, as it is known today

Yankee Doodle went to town A-riding on a pony, Stuck a feather in his cap And called it macaroni.

[Chorus]

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.
[Chorus]

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

The 'lasses they eat every day,
Would keep a house a winter;
They have so much, that I'll be bound,
They eat it when they've a mind to.
[Chorus]

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

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.

[Chorus]

I went as nigh to one myself As 'Siah's underpinning; And father went as nigh again, I thought the deuce was in him. [Chorus]

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

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
[Chorus]

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. [Chorus]

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

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.
[Chorus]

He got him on his meeting clothes, Upon a slapping stallion; He sat the world along in rows, In hundreds and in millions. [Chorus] The flaming ribbons in his hat,
They looked so tearing fine, ah,
I wanted dreadfully to get
To give to my Jemima.
[Chorus]

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

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. [Chorus]