

## YANKEE DOODLE

Traditional Words and Tune

Guitar Chords Arranged by ELEG for SBWE

*(This sheet corresponds to the Ed Emberley illustration)*

*First note is G*

Yankee Doodle went to town, riding on a pony  
Stuck a feather in his hat and called it macaroni.  
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 Good'in.  
And there we saw the men and boys as thick as hasty puddin'.  
Yankee Doodle keep it up, Yankee Doodle dandy;  
Mind the music and the step, and with the girls be handy.

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

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

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

## “...and WITH the girls be handy.”

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

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

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

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

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

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.  
Yankee Doodle keep it up, Yankee Doodle dandy;  
Mind the music and the step, and with the girls be handy.