

# Pennsylvania Song (1775)

to the tune of traditional Scottish song "Sandy o'er the Lea"

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The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and folk-like, with a mix of eighth and quarter notes. Chords are indicated by letters (D, A7, A, D, G) above the staff. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score consists of five lines of music, each with a measure number (3, 6, 9, 11) at the beginning. The lyrics end with a double bar line.

D A7

We are the troop that ne'er will stoop, To wretch-ed sla-ver-y, Nor—

3 D A7 D A D

shall our seed, by our base deed des-pis-ed vas-sals be; Free-dom we will be-queathe to them, Or

6 A A7 D A7

we will brav-ely die; Our great-est foe, e're long shall know, How much did Sand-wich lie? And—

9 A7 D G

all the world shall know, A-mer-i-cans are free; Nor

11 D A7 D

slaves nor cow-ards we will prove, Great Bri-tain soon shall see.

We'll not give up our birthright,  
Our foes shall find us men;  
As good as they, in any shape,  
The British troops shall ken. .  
Huzza ! brave boys, we'll beat them  
On any hostile plain ;  
For freedom, wives, and children dear,  
The battle we'll maintain.  
What ! can those British tyrants think,  
Our fathers cross'd the main.  
And savage foes, and dangers met,  
To be enslav'd by them ?  
If so, they are mistaken,  
For we will rather die  
And since they have become our foes,  
Their forces we defy.  
And all the world shall know,  
Americans are free.  
Nor slaves nor cowards we will prove.  
Great Britain soon shall see.