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## Yankee Doodle (Nursery Rhyme)

Yankee Doodle went to town A-riding on a pony,
Stuck a feather in his cap
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 Gooding, And there we saw the men and boys As thick as hasty pudding.

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 every day, I wish it could be saved.

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.

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

And there I see a swamping gun Large as a log of maple, Upon a deuced 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 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.

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

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.

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

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

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.

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

I see a little barrel too,
The heads were made of leather;
They knocked on it with little clubs
And called 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 Cap'n Washington, And gentle folks about him; They say he's grown so 'tarnal proud He will not ride without 'em.

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

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

The flaming ribbons in his hat, They looked so tearing fine, ah, I wanted dreadfully to get To give it to my Jemima.

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

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

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.

