

18. The British invasion of the USA

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US traditional, adapted

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: "Oh it may be a coup - la hun - dred years or more, But we Brits know the game and we have kept the score, Oh we know our mo - dern his - to - ry and what oc - curred, When the Yan - kees cocked a snook at our King George the Third, But in Nine - teen eigh - ty nine the Brits went back, Once more we - were there on the Yan - kees' track, Ain't got no ar - row, ain't got no bow, But we'd got de - ter - mi - na - tion and we all - played go."

Oh it may be a coupla hundred years or more,
But we Brits know the game,
and we have kept the score.
Oh we know our modern history and what occurred
When the Yankees cocked a snook
at our King George the Third.

*But in 1989 the Brits came back,
Once more we were there on the Yankees' track.
Ain't got no arrow, ain't got no bow,
But we'd got determination, and we all played go.*

In the North-east corner they made their first move,
Of the British taxes they could not approve.
Oh we didn't really mind if they just wanna be free,
But they're really naughty chaps
for wasting all that tea. (Chorus)

Oh we British knew our joseki just fine,
So we wore red coats, and we stood in line.
General Washington didn't know the way to play,
So he ripped the British troops off
with a hamete. (Chorus)

So they played their fuseki in the Yankee style,
And the Indians played the white stones for a while,
They woke up one morning to a nasty surprise,
When they found their General Custer
couldn't make two eyes. (Chorus)

In the middle game they made themselves a big moyo,
And they gave it names like Tennessee and Idaho,
There was North and South Dakota, Minnesota and Nebraska,
And they gave the Tsar of Russia
fifty dollars for Alaska. (Chorus)

Then one time they found that General Robert E. Lee
Had taken all their South-east corner territ'ry
So they had to disconnect him and surround him tight,
And the Yankees were the winners in the semeai fight. (Chorus)

Then in 1941 they had to fight quite hard,
With a sente yose in their own back yard.
After General MacArthur's long vacation in Japan,
You'd have thought that all the Yankee troops
would be six dan. (Chorus)

Now the Brits and the Yankees are friends once more,
'Cause liberties are what we both are fighting for.
International brotherhood is all very well,
But when we play them go,
we're gonna give them hell! (Chorus)