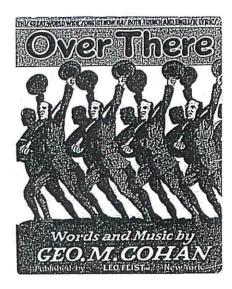
World War I Song: Over There

During WWI, George M. Cohan's "Over There" was a favorite marching song of the AEF. This patriotic song also helped sell thousands of dollars worth of Liberty Bonds.



Verse

Johnnie get your gun, get your gun, get your gun, Take it on the run, on the run, on the run, Hear them calling you and me, Ev'ry son of liberty.

Hurry right away, no delay, go today, Make your daddy glad to have had such a lad, Tell your sweetheart not to pine, To be proud her boy's in line.

Chorus
Over there over there
Send the word, send the word over there
That the Yanks are coming, the Yanks are coming,

The drums rum-tumming ev'rywhere
So prepare say a pray'r
Send the word, send the word to beware
We'll be over, we're coming over,
And we won't come back till it's over over there!

Verse

Johnnie get your gun, get your gun, get your gun, Johnnie show the Hun you're a son of a gun, Hoist the flag and let her fly, Yankee Doodle do or die. Pack your little kit, show your grit, do your bit, Yankees to the ranks from the towns and the tanks, Make your mother proud of you And the old Red White and Blue.

- 1. Where was "Over There" that is referenced in the song?
- 2. Why was this song popular during the First World War?
- 3. How did this song encourage patriotism on the home front?
- 4. Why did this song comfort family members on the home front?
- 5. How can songs like this one be used to encourage patriotism?