



The Boston Camerata
Welcomes 6th Graders from the
Longfellow-Kennedy School
Friday, November 7, 2008

Yankee Doodle – The Lexington March

After the battles at Lexington and Concord, the British controlled Boston from April 1775 until March 1776. In June 1775, George Washington arrived to take command of the patriot army that had assembled outside of the city to defend the rest of Massachusetts and lay siege to the British stronghold. This version of Yankee Doodle contains verses probably written some time after his arrival. Singing to a march allowed soldiers to tell their story.

Rights of Conscience

Shaker Song

On: ‘The President’s March’

Text: Issachar Bates (1758-1837)

Another example of a text set to a march as a means of reaching many people.

Liberty Tree

Text: Thomas Paine

Music: Anonymous



The Liberty Tree (1646–1775) was a famous elm tree that stood in Boston, near Boston Common, in the days before the American Revolution. The tree represented the growing resistance to the rule of England over the American colonies. In the years that followed, almost every American (and European) town had its own Liberty Tree—a living symbol of popular support for individual liberty and resistance to tyranny. Listen for the two high men’s voices weaving the melody together.

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