



"Yankee Doodle" Lyrics *By Richard Shuckburgh*



Join in American Pride and sing **Yankee Doodle** for April morning assemblies. Here are the words for your family to sing and show our American Pride. Then on Mondays everyone is invited to **sing along** with the 2nd graders leading the song.

Yankee Doodle went to town
A-riding on a pony
Stuck a feather in his hat
And called it macaroni.

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

Why did Yankee Doodle stick a feather in his hat and call it macaroni?

Back in Pre-Revolutionary America when the song "Yankee Doodle" was first popular, the singer was not referring to the pasta "macaroni" in the line that reads "stuck a feather in his hat and called it macaroni". "Macaroni" was a fancy ("dandy") style of Italian dress widely imitated in England at the time. So by just sticking a feather in his cap and calling himself a "Macaroni" (a "dandy"), Yankee Doodle was proudly proclaiming himself to be a country bumpkin, because that was how the English regarded most colonials at that time.

For complete lyrics, visit:

<http://kids.niehs.nih.gov/lyrics/yankee.htm>