## Srilee Music

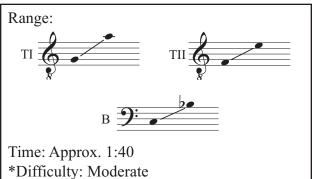
## AN AMERICAN MEDLEY

TTB, accompanied

Arranged by RAE MOSES







## Performance Notes

This stirring patriotic medley is well suited for young male voices. It combines 3 well known and loved patriotic songs from throughout American history.

When Johnny Comes Marching Home was a popular song of the American Civil War. The lyrics refer to the people's desire to see their loved ones returning home. It was sung on both sides of the Civil War

Traditionally, the tune and original lyrics to *Yankee Doodle Dandy* have been regarded as a Revolutionary War song and continues to be sung as the state anthem of Connecticut. It was possibly used by the British to demean or disparage the Colonial "Yankee" army. The verse included here *The Yankee Doodle Boy*, also well-known as *(I'm a) Yankee Doodle Dandy* is a patriotic song from the Broadway musical *Little Johnny Jones* written by George M. Cohan. The play opened at the Liberty Theater in New York City on November 7, 1904.

The concluding number, *You're a Grand Old Flag* is a spirited march written by George Cohan in 1906. It was first performed at Herald Square Theater in New York City. The Library of Congress notes:

The original lyric for the favorite came, as Cohan explained, from an encounter he had with a Civil War veteran who fought at Gettysburg. The two men found themselves next to each other and Cohan noticed the vet held a carefully folded but ragged old flag. The man reportedly then turned to Cohan and said, "She's a grand old rag." Cohan thought it was a great line and originally named his tune You're a Grand Old Rag. So many groups and individuals objected to calling the flag a 'rag,' however, that he "gave 'em what they wanted" and switched words, renaming the song You're a Grand Old Flag. \*

\*http://lcweb2.loc.gov/diglib/ihas/loc.natlib.ihas.200000026/default.html

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