

Battle Cry of Freedom

Clawhammer Banjo (Key of G)

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Intro **G** **1 Verse** **2** **3 C** **4**

5 G **6** **1 7** **8 D7** **2 9**

10 G **11 Chorus** **12 C** **13 G** **1 14**

2 15 D7 **16 G** **17** **18 C** **19**

20 G **21** **22 D7** **23 G** end note *

Back to Verse Measure 1

THE BATTLE CRY OF FREEDOM (melody in Bb or A# for solo-tune or capo up 3)

Music by George F. Root

Verse 1

Our flag is proudly floating
 On the land and on the main,
 Shout, shout the battle cry of Freedom!
 Beneath it oft we've conquered,
 And we'll conquer oft again!
 Shout, shout the battle cry of Freedom!

CHORUS: Our Dixie forever!

She's never at a loss!
 Down with the eagle
 And up with the cross!
 And we'll rally 'round the bonny flag,
 We'll rally once again,
 Shout, shout the battle cry of Freedom!

Verse 2

Our gallant boys have marched
 To the rolling of the drums,
 Shout, shout the battle cry of Freedom!
 And the leaders in charge cry out,
 "Come, boys, come!"
 Shout, shout the battle cry of Freedom!

Chorus

Verse 3

They have laid down their lives
 on the bloody battle field.
 Shout, shout the battle cry of Freedom!
 Their motto is resistance
 – "To the tyrants never yield!"
 Shout, shout the battle cry of Freedom!

Chorus

Youtube link in G

[Confederate Battle Cry of Freedom](#)

See page 2 for playing pattern
 and alternate Union verses
 Play along to get timing and melody

Verse 4

While our boys have responded
 And to the fields have gone,
 Shout, shout the battle cry of Freedom!
 Our noble women also
 Have aided them at home,
 Shout, shout the battle cry of Freedom!

Chorus

Union Version (We'll Rally Round the Flag)

Verse 1

Yes we'll rally round the flag, boys, we'll rally once again,
Shouting the battle cry of freedom,
We will rally from the hillside, we'll gather from the plain,
Shouting the battle cry of freedom!

(Chorus)

The Union forever, hurrah boys, hurrah!
Down with the traitor, up with the star
While we rally round the flag, boys, rally once again,
Shouting the battle cry of freedom.

Verse 2

We are springing to the call of our brothers gone before,
Shouting the battle cry of freedom!
And we'll fill our vacant ranks with a million freemen more,
Shouting the battle cry of freedom! **Chorus**

Verse 3

We will welcome to our numbers the loyal, true and brave,
Shouting the battle cry of freedom!
And although they may be poor, not a man shall be a slave,
Shouting the battle cry of freedom! **Chorus**

Verse 4

So we're springing to the call from the East and from the West,
Shouting the battle cry of Freedom;
And we'll hurl the rebel crew from the land that we love best,
Shouting the battle cry of Freedom. **Chorus**

Remember to tune your banjo to G to mimic the
Minstrel Banjo on the song (chorus starts at measure 11)

Playing pattern for Confederate Youtube Version linked page 1
play moderately slow
Intro + measures 1-6 then 9-10
Verse plays 1 and then 2 (measure 1-8 and then 1-6 then 9-10)
Chorus plays measures 11-14 and then 11-13 then 15-23
Interlude plays measures 1-6 then 9-10
Repeat Verse
Repeat Chorus
Interlude plays measures 1-6 then 9-10
Repeat Verse
Repeat Chorus
Banjo backup plays Verse without vocals
Banjo backup Repeat Chorus without vocals
Repeat Verse
Repeat Chorus X 2
Play last part of Chorus (measures 20-23 to end note)