



The Round Church Recorders of Richmond discovered the following song on a “National Geographic” record album of Revolutionary War songs. After a bit of research *The Green Mountaineer* found that it was written by John Greenleaf Whittier in 1779. The song printed here is an abbreviated version of the original which was named “The Song of the Vermonters.”

## SONGS OF REBELS AND REDCOATS

Ho, all to the borders, Vermonters come down,  
With your breeches of deerskin and jackets of  
brown,  
With your red woolen caps and your moccasins,  
come,  
To the gathering summons of trumpet and drum.

Come down with your rifle, let gray wolf and fox  
Howl on in the shadow of primitive rocks,  
Let bear feed securely from pigpen and stall,  
Here's two-legged game for your powder and ball.

CHORUS: Then cheer, cheer, the Green  
Mountaineer,  
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On the south came the Hessians our land to police,  
And armed for the battle while canting of peace,  
On our east came the British, the red-coated band,  
To hang up our leaders and eat up our land.

Ho, all to the rescue, for Satan shall work  
No gain for the legions of Hampshire and York,  
They claim our possessions, the pitiful Knaves,  
The tribute we pay shall be prisons and graves.

CHORUS

We owe no allegiance, we bow to no throne,  
Our ruler is law, and the law is our own.  
Our leaders themselves are our own fellowmen,  
Who can handle the sword and the scythe and the  
pen.

Hurrah for Vermont, for the land that we till  
Must have sons to defend her from valley and hill.  
Our vow is recorded, our banner unfurled,  
In the name of Vermont, we defy all the world.

CHORUS