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We Will Be Free

“Hail-patriots hail the sacred day! Our fathers broke the tyrant’s sway. Let earth resound with notes of glee!, It is our nation’s jubilee! Then shout brothers shout! Oh, shout brothers shout! Let sound the horn, upon the morn of Independence Day! Huzzah! Huzzah! We will be free from feudal rents and tyranny, Huzzah! Huzzah! We will be free from feudal rents and tyranny.”

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