A-mouldering in the Grave

March is Music in Our Schools Month! Have you considered using historical tunes in your classroom? Here’s one possibility—the 19th-century popular song “John Brown’s Body.” Answer these questions about the song’s history.

1. When was the music for “John Brown’s Body” first printed?
   - [ ] 1789
   - [ ] 1830
   - [ ] 1858
   - [ ] 1861

2. Which of the following lines was not in the early versions of “John Brown’s Body?”
   - [ ] Now, three rousing cheers for the Union!
   - [ ] John Brown’s body lies a-mouldering in the grave
   - [ ] They will hang Jeff Davis to a sour apple tree
   - [ ] But tho’ he lost his life in struggling for the slave

3. In 1861, William Weston Patton published a version of the song in which John Brown was which one of the following?
   - [ ] A Confederate general
   - [ ] A Union soldier in the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia
   - [ ] An escaped slave and memoirist
   - [ ] A radical abolitionist executed in 1859

4. Julia Ward Howe wrote the lyrics to the “Battle Hymn of the Republic” (which shares a tune with “John Brown’s Body”) after hearing “John Brown’s Body” sung by whom?
   - [ ] William Lloyd Garrison
   - [ ] A crowd of abolitionists in Boston
   - [ ] A battalion of soldiers in Washington, DC
   - [ ] William Weston Patton

Sources:

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