

American Myths: Popular Music



Each song has a story. Test your knowledge of popular American music. Match the song title with the story of its composition or use.

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| A. Battle Hymn of the Republic | D. Dixie |
| B. Taps | E. Star Spangled Banner |
| C. Home Sweet Home | F. Take Me Out to the Ball Game |

_____ 1. This was a popular Civil War song sung by Union and Confederate soldiers. Regimental bands typically ended evening camp concerts by playing this song and bands of opposing armies sometimes performed the song together across battle lines:

_____ 2. After battle, while preparing casualties from the opposing army for burial, a captain discovered his own son among the dead soldiers. On his son's body, he found the music for this song written on a scrap of paper:

_____ 3. The melody to this song was originally a popular drinking tune:

_____ 4. Originally a religious song, this music, with new lyrics, became a famous marching song:

_____ 5. A man from Ohio wrote this song while sitting in a New York City hotel room:

_____ 6. The author of this song never witnessed a battle or a baseball game before writing this piece:

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