

# The Hunters of Kentucky

Spirited allegro

American - 1815  
William Blondell  
Melody by Michael Kelly ca 1803

♩ = 100

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The piano accompaniment features a rhythmic pattern of eighth notes in the right hand and quarter notes in the left hand. The lyrics are as follows:

Ye Gentlemen and  
Ladies fair, who grace this famous ci - ty, Just lis - ten, if you've time to spare, while  
I rehearse a dit - ty; And for the op - por tun - i - ty con - ceive yourselves quite

lucky, For 'tis not oft - ten that you see A hunter from Ken - tucky O, Ken -

tucky! the hunters of Kentuck - y O, Ken - tucky! the

hunters of Kentucky

*We are a hardy, free-born race, Each man to fear a stranger,  
 Whate'er the game we join in chase, Despising toil and danger.  
 And if a daring foe annoys, Whate'er his strength or forces,  
 We'll show them that Kentucky boys are Alligator-horses.*

*Oh, Kentucky, &c.*

*I 'spose you've read it in the prints, How Pakenham attempted  
 To make Old Hickory JACKSON wince, But soon his scheme repented;  
 For we with rifles ready cock'd, Thought such occasion lucky,  
 And soon around the general flock'd The Hunters of Kentucky.*

*Oh, Kentucky, &c.*

*They did not let their patience tire, Before they showed their faces,  
 We did not choose to waste our fire So snugly kept our places,  
 But when so near we saw them wink, We thought it time to stop 'em,  
 And it would have done you good, I think, To see Kentuckians drop 'em.*

*Oh, Kentucky, &c.*

*They found, at last, 'twas vain to fight, Where lead was all their booty,  
 And so they wisely took to flight, And left us all the beauty.  
 And now if danger e'er annoys, Remember what our trade is,  
 Just send for us Kentucky boys, And we'll protect ye, ladies.*

*Oh, Kentucky, &c.*

Tune: Miss Bailey's Ghost, Ally Croaker. Pub 1815, used in General Jackson's subsequent presidential campaigns.