

Uncle Sam and Miss Texas

At The White House
(Yankee Doodle)

Jingoistically - With Swagger
Tempo di "Old Rough and Ready"

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Walk in, my tall hair'd In - dian gal; Your hand, my star-eyed Tex - as; You're
Come in an' take some John- ny cake, With 'lass - es snug and cood - le, For
wel - come to our White House hall, Though Mex - y's hounds would vex us;
that and In - de - pend - ence make A full blood Yank - ee Doo - dle.
Yank - ee Doo - dle is the word, Sur - pass - in' all cre - a - tion,
With the pipe, or with the sword, It makes us love our na - tion.

My overseer, young Johnny Polk,
Shall show you all my nieces;
And then the cabinet we'll smoke
Until our eagle sneezes;
If Johnny Bull's fat, greedy boys
About our Union grumble,
I'll kick up such a ternal noise,
"Twill make 'em feel quite humble.
Yankee Doodle, etc.

If Mexy, back'd by secret foes,
Still talks of takin' you, gal,
Why we can lick 'em all, you knows.
An' then annex 'em, too, gal. ---
For I'm the boy that wins the day, And
nations overthrows, sir.
My Scott and Taylor know the way
To deal with every foe, sir.
Yankee Doodle, etc.

For years after Texas won its war of independence from Mexico, Mexico refused to recognize Texas independence; and the southern border of Texas was in dispute. US President James Polk had campaigned on admitting Texas to the Union, which happened in December, 1845. Mexico broke relations with the US. In June 1845, Polk sent General Zachary Taylor and US troops into the disputed Nueces strip - between the Nueces River and the Rio Grande. Taylor built a fort on the Rio Grande. On May 8, 1846, Taylor's forces defeated a larger Mexican force at Palo Alto, about 5 miles north of present day Brownsville, Texas, while Taylor was marching to defend the fort he had built on the Rio Grande. In 1847 Polk sent a second army under General Winfield Scott to invade Mexico with an amphibious landing at Veracruz. Scott's army captured Mexico City in September of 1847. The war ended with the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo in early 1848, in which the US paid Mexico about \$18 Million Dollar, and Mexico lost to the US all of Texas, California, Nevada, Utah and New Mexico, most of Arizona and Colorado, and parts of Oklahoma, Kansas and Wyoming.

In the US, the war was a partisan issue and one of the factors ultimately leading to the Civil War. This song obviously reflects the sentiments of those who favored the war.

Zachary Taylor, "Old Rough and Ready", was later elected President, but died in office in 1850. Many junior officers under Taylor and Scott became generals during the Civil War.