

Castle Island Song

There was considerable unrest in Boston after British troops were stationed there. British attempts to suppress the populace resulted in the "Boston Massacre" of March 5, 1770, in which several citizens were killed. Afterward, the troops were consigned to the barracks on Castle Island, where the verses of the following song were written soon after the event.

Guitar

Dm Gm7 C

You sim - ple Bos - ton - ians, I'd have you be - ware Of your

3 Dm Gm Dm Am Dm

Lib - er - ty Tree, I would have you take care: For if that we chance to re -

6 F C Gm Dm Gm7 Am Dm

turn to the town, Your hous - es and stores will come tum - bling down! Der - ry down, down,

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down der - ry down.

If you will not agree to Old England's laws,
I fear that King Hancock will soon get the yaws;
But he need not fear, for I swear we will,
For the want of a doctor give him a hard pill.
Derry down, down, down derry down.

A brave reinforcement, we soon think to get,
Then we will make you poor pumpkins to sweat;
Our drums they'll rattle, and then you will run
To the devil himself, from the sight of a gun.
Derry down, down, down derry down.

Our fleet and our army, they soon will arrive,
Then to a bleak island, you shall not us drive;
In every house you shall have three or four,
And if that will not please you, you shall have half a score.
Derry down, down, down derry down.