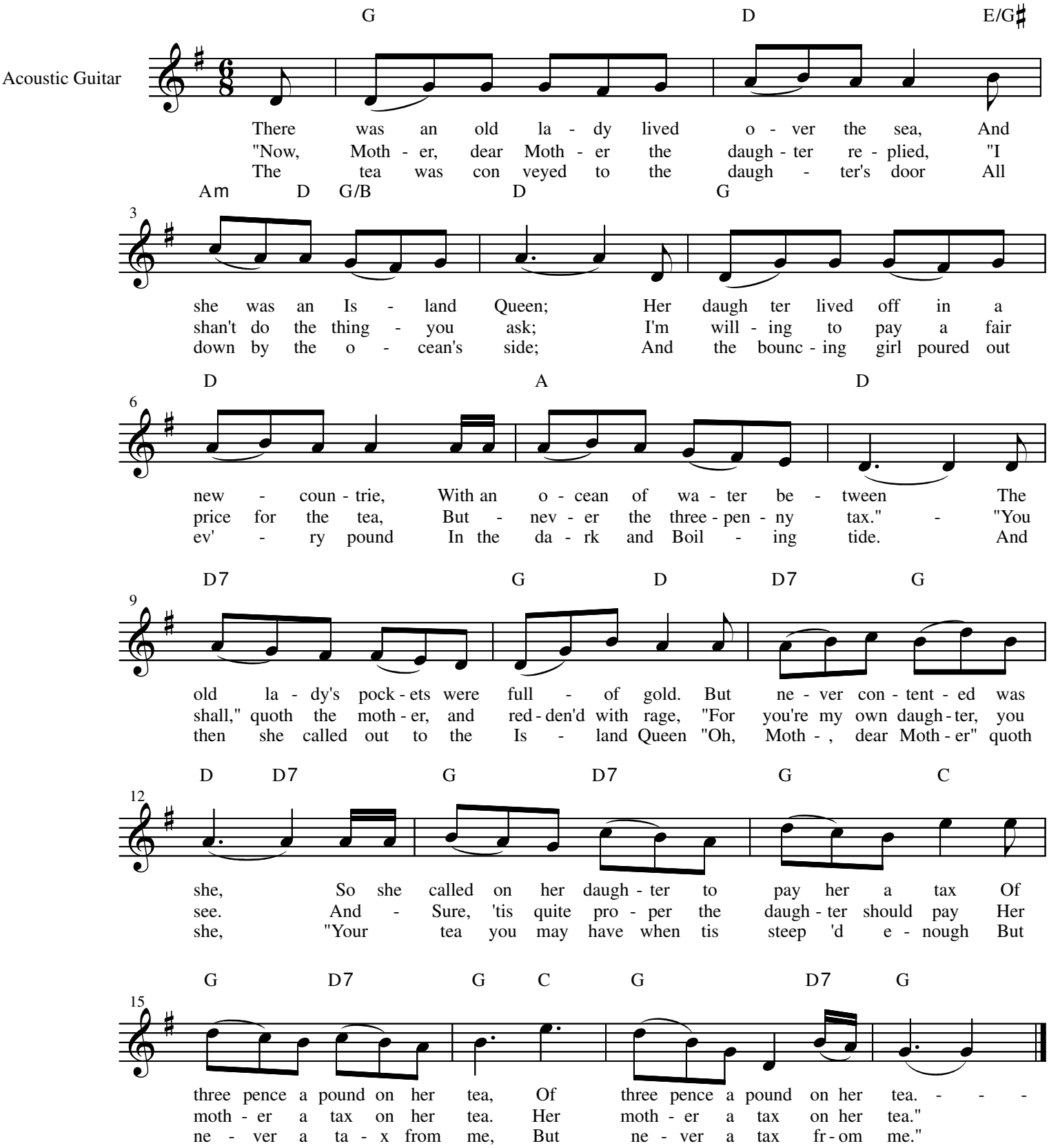
Revolutionary Tea

Revolutionary Tea is one of the best songs to truly represent the relationship between England and the colonies: it was a mother-daughter relationship. This song also tells the story of the Tea Tax, which was imposed upon the colonists without a voice in British parliament. Tea was a widely used beverage in Britain and the colonies. Most Colonists drank tea. A note of contempt is clear as England is portrayed as a rich, old queen who only wanted to become wealthier. The rebellious young daughter who is attached to her "dear mother" is willing to pay for the tea, but not a "thrupenny tax." Knowing that her daughter is being rebellious the mother sends a significant amount of tea to her daughter who promptly throws it into the ocean (The Boston Tea Party), and again declares to her "dear mother" that she will never pay a tax on tea.