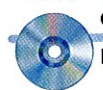


# SONGS FOR THE FLAG

Songs that express pride in our country are called patriotic songs. "You're a Grand Old Flag" is a famous patriotic song.

**Sing** the song and tap the steady beat. Then tap and say the rhythm of the first line. Which measure has a syncopated rhythm?



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## YOU'RE A GRAND OLD FLAG

Words and Music by George M. Cohan

You're a grand old flag, you're a high-fly-ing flag;

And for-ev-er in peace may you wave;

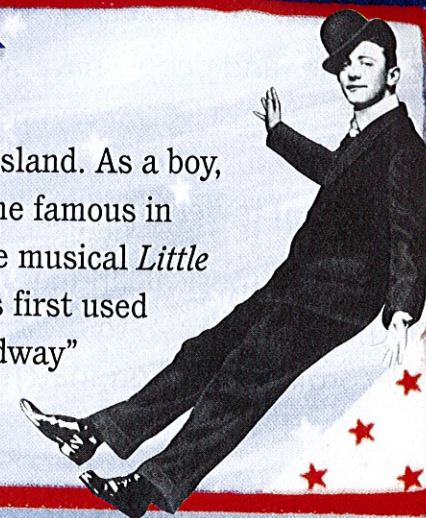
You're the em-blem of the land I love,

The home of the free and the brave.

## MUSIC MAKERS

### George M. Cohan

George M. Cohan (1878–1942) was born in Rhode Island. As a boy, he performed in his family's vaudeville act. He became famous in 1904 as a character named Yankee Doodle Boy in the musical *Little Johnny Jones*. His song "The Yankee Doodle Boy" was first used in that musical. He wrote "Give My Regards to Broadway" and the World War I song "Over There." He also wrote about twenty plays and musicals.



### Music Doodles

**Listen** for word clues that tell you this is a patriotic song.



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### The Yankee Doodle Boy

by George M. Cohan

This song was used in several musicals other than *Little Johnny Jones*.

Ev-'ry heart beats true un-der red, white, and blue,

Where there's nev-er a boast or brag;

But should auld ac-quaint-ance be for-got,

Keep your eye on the grand old flag.