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Col. Stewart and his Regiment.

We are the gay & happy suckers
of the State of Illinois

as Sung by the Boys of

COL. STEWART'S REGT

composed by

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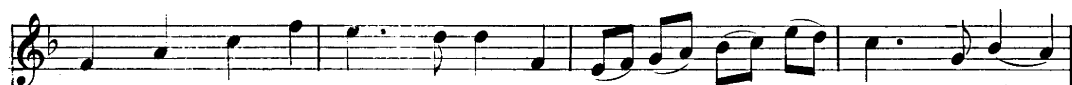
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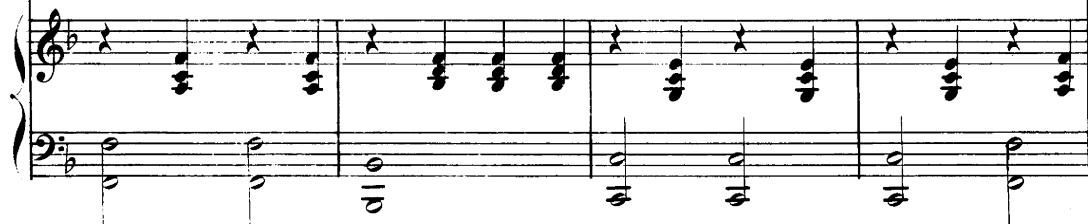
WE ARE THE GAY & HAPPY SUCKERS, FROM THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

SONG & CHORUS.

by J. P. WEBSTER.



1. We're the boys that's gay and hap - py, Hap - py in the tent - ed field;
2. Friends at home, be gay and hap - py, Nev - er blush to speak our name;
3. Colo - nel Stew - art, gay and hap - py, Holds the post with his com - mand;
4. We're the gay and hap - py Suck - ers, From the State of Ill - i - nois;



With our na-tions' ban - - ner o'er us And its hon - or for our shield.
Should our comrades fall in bat - tle, They shall share a sol - diers fame.
Sel - dom has a sol - diers hon - or Ev - er graced a bet - ter man.
Wait - ing till our Colo - nel or - ders Us to flog the reb - el boys.

CHORUS.

Air.

So let the can - - nons boom as they will,

Alto.

Tenor.

So let the can - - nons boom as they will,

Bass.

PIANO

Red *Red*

We are the happy Suckers.

The musical score is written for a vocal ensemble and piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has four staves: two vocal staves (Soprano and Alto) and two piano staves (Treble and Bass). The second system also has four staves: two vocal staves (Tenor and Bass) and two piano staves. The piano part features a repeating eighth-note accompaniment in the right hand and a simpler bass line in the left hand. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves.

System 1:

Vocal 1: We'll be gay and hap - py still; Gay and hap - py,
 Vocal 2: We'll be gay and hap - py still; We'll be gay and hap - py, hap - py,
 Piano: Accompaniment with eighth notes and rests.

System 2:

Vocal 3: Gay and hap - py, We'll be gay and hap - py still.....
 Vocal 4: We'll be gay and hap - py, hap - py, We'll be gay and hap - py, hap - py still.....
 Piano: Continuation of the accompaniment.

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5. Reb - els are not gay and hap - py, For their scrissh they
 6. Girls at home be gay and hap - py, Show that you have
 7. Gay and hap - py, sweet they an - swer, None but fools will
 8. We're the girls that's gay and hap - py, Wait - ing for the
 9. For the gay and for the hap - py, We're as con - stant

can - not eat; Some like birds we keep in ca - ges,
 wom - ans pride; Nev - er wed a home - sick cow - ard -
 mar - ry now; Val - liant men have all en - list - ed;
 end of strife; Rath - er share a sol - diers ra - tions
 as the dove; But the man who dares not sol - dier,

Di - - ning on hard stack and meat. *Chorus.*
 Wait and be a sol - diers bride. „
 Un - to cow - ards we'll not bow. „
 Than to be a cow - ards wife. „
 Nev - er can ob - tain our love. „

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Pearson.