



Baseball Song

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(1872-1956)

Joseph Warren Yoder (1872-1956) was born in Belleville, Pennsylvania. He had a traditional Amish education with musical training at a local singing school. He briefly taught school in Milltown, Pennsylvania. He graduated from the Brethren Normal School (Juniata College) in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, attended the Elkhart Institute (Goshen College) in Indiana and Northwestern University in Illinois. He worked as a college recruiter for Juniata College and led singing schools for Mennonites throughout Pennsylvania. He became the first successful Mennonite literary figure in the United States, writing a semi-fictional account of his mother's life, *Rosanna of the Amish* (1940). His musical accomplishments include research into origins of Amish tunes with work to record and preserve traditional Amish music. He died in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania.

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S Let's off for a jol - ly good game of ball,

A Let's off for a jol - ly good game of ball,

T Let's off for a jol - ly good game of ball,

B Let's off for a jol - ly good game of ball,

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S That's the game that is loved by all; It trains the eye, the

A That's the game that is loved by all; It trains the eye, the

T That's the game that is loved by all; It trains the eye, the

B That's the game that is loved by all; It trains the eye, the

6
S hand the brain, And brings new life to us all a - gain.

A hand the brain, And brings new life to us all a - gain.

T hand the brain, And brings new life to us all a - gain.

B hand the brain, And brings new life to us all a - gain.

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CHORUS

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S Base - ball, base - ball, The great A - mer - i - can game, _____

A Base - ball, base - ball, The great A - mer - i - can game, _____

T Base - ball, base - ball, The great A - mer - i - can game, _____

B Base - ball, base - ball, The great A - mer - i - can game, _____

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S Base - ball, base - ball, The path that leads to fame; _____

A Base - ball, base - ball, The path that leads to fame; _____

T Base - ball, base - ball, The path that leads to fame; _____

B Base - ball, base - ball, The path that leads to fame; _____

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S Throw the ball with a light - 'ning speed, Biff it hard and then take a lead; If

A Throw the ball with a light - 'ning speed, Biff it hard and then take a lead; If

T Throw the ball with a light - 'ning speed, Biff it hard and then take a lead; If

B Throw the ball with a light - 'ning speed, Biff it hard and then take a lead; If

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S health and strength we all have need, Come all and play the game. _____

A health and strength we all have need, Come all and play the game. _____

T health and strength we all have need, Come all and play the game. _____

B health and strength we all have need, Come all and play the game. _____

VERSE TWO

25

S We'll curve the ball with a wond - rous skill,

A We'll curve the ball with a wond - rous skill,

T We'll curve the ball with a wond - rous skill,

B We'll curve the ball with a wond - rous skill,

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S Catch high flies with a right good will; And swing the bat with

A Catch high flies with a right good will; And swing the bat with

T Catch high flies with a right good will; And swing the bat with

B Catch high flies with a right good will; And swing the bat with

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S might and main, And bas - es run with the speed of train.

A might and main, And bas - es run with the speed of train.

T might and main, And bas - es run with the speed of train.

B might and main, And bas - es run with the speed of train.

VERSE THREE

33

S The um - pire's word shall be law to all,

A The um - pire's word shall be law to all,

T The um - pire's word shall be law to all,

B The um - pire's word shall be law to all,

36

S Play shall tal - ly that plays the ball; For hon - or, skill and

A Play shall tal - ly that plays the ball; For hon - or, skill and

T Play shall tal - ly that plays the ball; For hon - or, skill and

B Play shall tal - ly that plays the ball; For hon - or, skill and

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S
sport's our aim, And noth - ing goes that will bring us shame.

A
sport's our aim, And noth - ing goes that will bring us shame.

T
8
sport's our aim, And noth - ing goes that will bring us shame.

B
sport's our aim, And noth - ing goes that will bring us shame.

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Let's off for a jolly good game of ball,
That's the game that is loved by all;
It trains the eye, the hand the brain,
And brings new life to us all again.

*Baseball, baseball,
The great American game,
Baseball, baseball,
The path that leads to fame;
Throw the ball with a light'ning speed,
Biff it hard and then take a lead;
If health and strength we all have need,
Come all and play the game.*

We'll curve the ball with a wondrous skill,
Catch high flies with a right good will;
And swing the bat with might and main,
And bases run with the speed of train.

The umpire's word shall be law to all,
Play shall tally that plays the ball;
For honor, skill and sport's our aim,
And nothing goes that will bring us shame.

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