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# KENTUCKY BATTLE SONG.

Words by COKE.

Music by CHARLI L. WARD.



Piano introduction in G major, 4/4 time. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment of chords and single notes.



Vocal line: *In the year of sixty one we left our native land For we could not bend our spirits to a*  
Piano accompaniment continues with a consistent rhythmic pattern.



Vocal line: *tyrants stern command And we rallied to our Buckner while our hearts were sad and sore To*  
Piano accompaniment continues with a consistent rhythmic pattern.

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after our blood for freedom as our fathers did be-fore And we'll march march march to the

music of the drum we were driven forth in exile from our old Ken-lucky home.

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When first the Southern flag unfurled its folds upon the air,  
 Its stars had hardly gathered till Kentucky's sons were there,  
 And they swore a solemn oath as they sternly gathered round  
 They would only live as freemen in the dark and bloody ground.

With Buckner as our leader and Morgan in the Van,  
 We will plant the flag of freedom in our fair and happy land  
 We will drive the tyrant's minions to the Ohio's rolling flood,  
 And will dye her waves in crimson with coward yankee blood.

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Then cheer ye Southern braves, ye soon shall see the day,  
 When Kentucky's fairest daughters will cheer you on your way,  
 And then her proud old mothers will welcome one and all  
 For "United we must stand, but divided we must fall"

W. H. H. H.