

“The Battle Cry of Freedom”

**Directions:** As we listen to each version of “The Battle Cry of Freedom,” highlight any words or phrases that stand out to you. Then, answer the questions below.

Union Version	Confederate Version
<p>Yes we’ll rally round the flag, boys, we’ll rally once again, Shouting the battle cry of freedom, We will rally from the hillside, we’ll gather from the plain, Shouting the battle cry of freedom!</p>	<p>Our flag is proudly floating on the land and on the main, Shout, shout the battle cry of Freedom! Beneath it oft we’ve conquered, and we’ll conquer oft again! Shout, shout the battle cry of Freedom!</p>
<p>The Union forever! Hurrah, boys, hurrah! Down with the traitor, up with the star; While we rally round the flag, boys, rally once again, Shouting the battle cry of freedom!</p>	<p>Our Dixie forever! She’s never at a loss! Down with the eagle and up with the cross! We’ll rally ‘round the bonny flag, we’ll rally once again, Shout, shout the battle cry of Freedom!</p>
<p>We are springing to the call with a million freemen more, Shouting the battle cry of freedom! And we’ll fill our vacant ranks of our brothers gone before, Shouting the battle cry of freedom!</p>	<p>Our gallant boys have marched to the rolling of the drums. Shout, shout the battle cry of Freedom! And the leaders in charge cry out, “Come, boys, come!” Shout, shout the battle cry of Freedom!--</p>
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<p>We will welcome to our numbers the loyal, true and brave, Shouting the battle cry of freedom! And although he may be poor, he shall never be a slave, Shouting the battle cry of freedom!</p> <p>The Union forever! Hurrah, boys, hurrah! Down with the traitor, up with the star; While we rally round the flag, boys, rally once again, Shouting the battle cry of freedom!</p> <p>So we're springing to the call from the East and from the West, Shouting the battle cry of freedom! And we'll hurl the rebel crew from the land we love best, Shouting the battle cry of freedom!</p> <p>The Union forever! Hurrah, boys, hurrah! Down with the traitor, up with the star; While we rally round the flag, boys, rally once again, Shouting the battle cry of freedom!</p>	<p>They have laid down their lives on the bloody battle field. Shout, shout the battle cry of Freedom! Their motto is resistance --"To tyrants we'll not yield!" Shout, shout the battle cry of Freedom!--</p> <p>Our Dixie forever! She's never at a loss! Down with the eagle and up with the cross! We'll rally 'round the bonny flag, we'll rally once again, Shout, shout the battle cry of Freedom!</p> <p>While our boys have responded and to the fields have gone. Shout, shout the battle cry of Freedom! Our noble women also have aided them at home. Shout, shout the battle cry of Freedom!--</p> <p>Our Dixie forever! She's never at a loss! Down with the eagle and up with the cross! We'll rally 'round the bonny flag, we'll rally once again, Shout, shout the battle cry of Freedom!</p>
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1. What appears to be the main difference between the first stanzas of the two versions of the song?
2. What does the Southern (or Confederate) version mean by "Down with the Eagle, And Up with the Cross?"
3. What do you think the third stanza of the Union (Northern) version of the song means?
4. According to the song(s), what does each side claim they are fighting for?