

## A Song Of 1857

## Johnston's Army Episode

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When Un - cle Sam, he first set out his  
Then they re-turned with aw - ful tales, "The

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ar - my to de - stroy us: Says he, "The Mor - mons we will rout, They  
Mor - mons beat the de - vil: They ride up hill, and o - ver rocks As

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shall no long - er an - noy us," The force he sent was com - pe - tent to  
fast as on the lev - el. And if per-chance you shoot one down, and

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"try" and "hang" for trea - son, That is I mean it would have been, but  
sure - ly think he's dead, Sir: The first you know he's on his horse, and

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don't you know the rea - son? There's great com - mo - tion in the East, a -  
push - ing on a - head, Sir!"

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Sept.29,1857 Gen. Daniel H.Wells left Salt Lake City for Echo Canyon where he established headquarters with abt 1250 men, in preparation for the arrival of Johnston's army. This song was composed and sung by the soldiers.

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bout the Mor - mon ques - tion. The prob - lem is to say the least, too

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much for their di - ges - tion. As Then

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they were go - ing up the "Platte" Sing - ing man - y a lus - ty dit - ty. Say - ing  
on "Ham's Fork" they camped a - while, Say - ing, "We'll wait a lit - tle long - er, 'Till

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we'll do this and we'll do that, When we get to Salt Lake Ci - ty. And  
John - ston and his crew come up, And make us a lit - tle strong - er. Then

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sure e - nough When they got there, they made the Mor - mons  
we'll go on, Take Brig - ham Young, And He - ber, his com -

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stir, Sir. That is I mean they would have done, But oh, they did - n't  
pan - ion." That is, I mean they would have done, But were af - raid of Ech -

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get there. There's great com - mo - tion in the East, a - bout the Mor - mon  
o Can - yon.

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ques - tion, The prob - lem is to say the least, too much for their di -

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ges - tion. When they got with - in two take  
Now - Un - cle Sam, take

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hun - dred miles, the old boys they were say - ing, "It will be but a  
my ad - vice, You'd bet - ter stay at home, Sir! You need your mon - ey

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lit - tle while, Tell the Mor-mons we'll be slay - ing. We'll hang each man who  
and your men, To de - fend your rights at home, Sir! But if, per - chance, you

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has two wives, We've plen - ty of rope quite hand - y." That is I mean they  
need some help, The Mor-mons... will be kind, Sir. They've helped you once, and

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would have had, But Smith burned it on "San - dy." There's great com - mo - tion  
will a - gain, That is, if they've a mind, Sir! There's great com - mo - tion

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in the East, a - bout the Mor - mon ques - tion, The prob - lem is to

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say the least, too much for their di - ges - tion. ges - tion.