

# Billie Holiday, YANKEE DOODLE NEVER WENT

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Yankee Doodle never went to town

I just discovered the story was phony

Let me give you all the real low-down

He didn't even own a pony

He was really very short and fat

While in the story so skinny and moany

And so hungry that he ate his hat

And called the felt macaroni

Underneath the chestnut tree

He and the blacksmith would sip that tea

Then he'd bring out his uniform down

That's how he went to town

Yankee Doodle tried to leave one day

Took his belongings and mounted his saddle

But he never got it on his way

Cause he didn't have a pony

And the fairy tale is phony

How could Yankee Doodle go to town?