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National Anthem of the Ancient Britons

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Music by: [Composer]

Arranged by: Laurence Petschack

**THE YALLOURN  
MADRIGAL SINGERS**

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Tenor 1



1. What's the use of wear - ing brac - es, vests and pants and boots with lac - es,  
What's the use of shirts of cot - ton, studs that al - ways get for - got - ten,  
2. Rom - ans come a - cross the chan - nel, all wrapped up in tin and flan - nel,  
Sax - on, you can waste your stitch - es build - ing beds for bugs in brecch - es,

Tenor 2



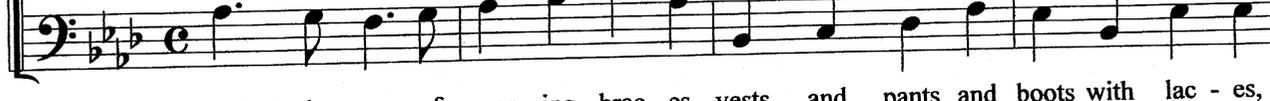
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T 1

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Spats and hats you buy in plac - es down in Brompton Road?  
 These af - fairs are simp - ly rot - ten; bet - ter far is Woad!  
 Half a pint of woad per man' ll dress us more than these.  
 We have woad to clothe us, which is not a nest for fleas!

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Woad's the stuff to show men! — Woad to scare your foe, men! —  
 Rom - an, keep your ar - mours, Sax - on, your py - ja - mas. —

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T 1

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Hair - y coats were made for goats, gor - il - las, yaks, re - triev - er dogs and lla - mas;

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Tramp up Snow - don with your woad on; Ne - ver mind if we get rained or blowed on;

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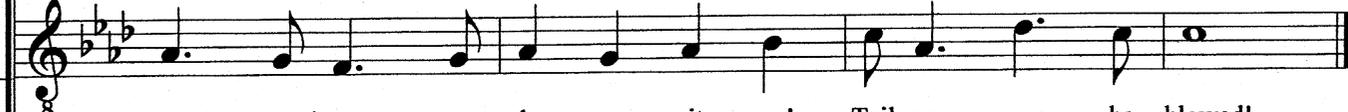
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neck or knees, or where you sit on! Tail-ors, you be blowed!  
Nev - er want a but - ton sewed on, Go it, An - cient B's!

T 2



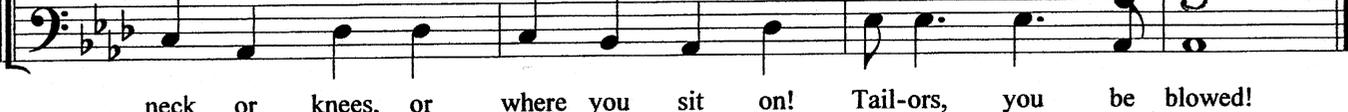
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# NATIONAL ANTHEM OF THE ANCIENT BRITONS

*Sung to the tune of Men of Harlech*



What's the use of wearing braces  
Vests and pants and boots with laces,  
Spats and hats you buy in places  
Down in Brompton Road?

What's the use of shirts of cotton,  
Studs that always get forgotten?  
These affairs are simply rotten  
Better far is WOAD!

Woad's the stuff to show men  
Woad to scare your foe men  
Boil it to a brilliant blue  
And rub it on your back and your abdomen.

Ancient Briton never hit on  
Anything as good as Woad to fit on  
Neck or knees, or where you sit on.  
Tailors, you be blown!

Romans come across the channel  
All wrapped up in tin and flannel.  
Half a pint of woad per man'll  
Dress us more than these.

Saxon, you can waste your stitches  
Building beds for bugs in breeches.  
We have WOAD to clothe us, which is  
Not a nest for fleas?  
Roman, keep your amours,

Saxon, your pyjamas,  
Hairy coats were meant for goats,  
Gorillas, yaks, retriever dogs and llamas;  
Tramp up Snowdon

With our WOAD on:  
Never mind if we get rained or blown on,  
Never want a button sewed on,  
Go it, Ancient B's.