

Hamilton Lyric Book

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Alexander Hamilton lyrics

How does a bastard, orphan, son of a whore and a Scotsman, dropped in the middle of a forgotten spot in the Caribbean by Providence impoverished in squalor grow up to be a hero and a scholar?

The Ten dollar, founding father without a father got a lot farther by working a lot harder by being a lot smarter by being a self-starter by fourteen, they placed him in charge of a trading charter

And every day while slaves were being slaughtered and carted away across the waves he struggled and kept his guard up Inside he was longing for something to be a part of the brother was ready to beg steal borrow or barter

Then a hurricane came and devastation rained our man saw his future drip-dripping down the drain put a pencil to his temple connected it to his brain and he wrote his first refrain a testament to his pain

Well the word got around they said this kid is insane man took up a collection just to send him to the mainland Get your education don't forget from whence you came. And the world is gonna know your name. What's ya name, man?

Alexander Hamilton.
My name is Alexander Hamilton.
And there's a million things I haven't done.
But just you wait, just you, wait.

When he was 10, his father split
Full of it, debt-ridden
Two years later, see Alex and his mother, bed-ridden
Half-dead, sittin' in their own sick, the scent thick
And Alex got better but his mother went quick

Moved in with a cousin, the cousin committed suicide
Left him with nothin' but ruined pride
Somethin' new inside
A voice saying Alex, you gotta fend for yourself
He started retreatin' and readin' every treatise on the shelf

There would've been nothin' left to do
For someone less astute
He would've been dead and destitute
Without a cent of restitution
Started workin', clerkin' for his late mother's landlord
Tradin' sugar cane and rum and other things he can't afford

Scannin' for every book he can get his hands on
Plannin' for the future, see him now as he stands on
The bow of a ship headed for a new land
In New York you can be a new man (x4) In New York
(New York) Just you wait (x3)

Alexander Hamilton
We are waiting in the weeds for you
You could never back down
You never learned to take your time
Alexander Hamilton
America Sings for you
Do they know what you overcame
Do they know you control your name
The world will never be the same, oh

The ship is in the harbor now
See if you can spot him
Another immigrant comin' up from the bottom
His enemies destroyed his rep, America forgot him

We, fought with him
Me, I died for him
Me, I trusted him
Me, I loved him
And me, I'm the damn fool that shot him
There's a million things I haven't done, but just you wait
Whats ya name man?
ALEXANDER HAMILTON

The Farmer Refuted lyrics

[SEABURY]

Hear ye, hear ye! My name is Samuel Seabury
And I present "Free Thoughts on the
Proceedings of the Continental Congress!"
Heed not the rabble who scream revolution
They have not your interests at heart

[MULLIGAN]

Oh my God. Tear this dude apart

[SEABURY]

Chaos and bloodshed are not a solution
Don't let them lead you astray
This Congress does not speak for me

[BURR]

Let him be

[SEABURY]

They're playing a dangerous game
I pray the king shows you his mercy
For shame, for shame...

[HAMILTON]

Yo!
He'd have you all unravel at the
Sound of screams but the
Revolution is comin'
The have-nots are gonna
Win this
It's hard to listen to you with a straight face

Chaos and bloodshed already haunt us, honestly you
shouldn't even talk. And what about Boston? Look at the
cost, n' all that we've lost n' you talk
About Congress?!

My dog speaks more eloquently than thee!

But strangely, your mange is the same

Is he in Jersey?

For the revolution!

[SEABURY]

Heed not the rabble
Who scream
Revolution, they
Have not your
Interests
At heart

Chaos and bloodshed are
Not a
Solution. Don't
Let them lead you
Astray
This Congress does not
Speak for me

They're playing a dangerous game

I pray the king shows you his mercy

For shame

For shame,

[COMPANY]

For the revolution!

[SEABURY]

Heed—

[HAMILTON]

If you repeat yourself again I'm gonna—

[SEABURY/HAMILTON]

Scream—

[HAMILTON]

Honestly, look at me, please don't read!

[SEABURY]

Not your interests—

[HAMILTON]

Don't modulate the key then not debate with me!
Why should a tiny island across the sea regulate the
price of tea?

[BURR]

Alexander, please!

[HAMILTON]

Burr, I'd rather be divisive than indecisive, drop the
niceties

[ENSEMBLE]

Silence! A message from the King!
A message from the King!

[FULL COMPANY]

A message from the King!

You'll Be Back lyrics

You say the price of my love is price you're not willing to pay
You cry in the tea which you hurled in the sea as you see me go by
Why so sad?
Remember we made an arrangement when you went away
Now you're making me mad.
Remember despite our estrangement, I'm your man

You'll be back
Soon you'll see
You'll remember you belong to me
You'll be back
Time will tell
You'll remember that I served you well
Oceans rise, empire fall
We have seen each other through it all
And when push comes to shove
I will send a fully armed battalion to remind you of my love
Da da da da da Da da da da di ya da da da da di ya da
Da da da da da Da da da da di ya da da da da di ya

You say my love is draining and you can't go on

You'll be the one who's complaining when I am gone
No, don't change the subject!
'Cause you're my favorite subject
My sweet submissive subject
My loyal, royal subject
For ever
And ever
And ever and ever and ever

You'll be back
Like before
I'll fight the fight and win the war
For your love
For your grace
And I'll love you til my dying days
When you're gone, I'll go mad
So don't throw away this thing we had
Cause when push comes to shove
I will kill your friends and family to remind you of my love
Da da da da da da da di ya da Da da da da di ya da
Da da da da da da da da da di ya da da da da di ya
Everybody
Da da da da da da da di ya da Da da da da di ya da
Da da da da da da da da da di ya da da da da di ya

Right Hand Man lyrics

[COMPANY]
British Admiral Howe's got troops on the water
Thirty-two thousand troops in New York harbor

[ENSEMBLE 1]
Thirty-two thousand troops in New York harbor

When they surround our troops!
They surround our troops!
When they surround our troops!

[ENSEMBLE 2]
Thirty-two thousand troops in New York harbor

They surround our troops!
They surround our troops!

[HAMILTON]
As a kid in the Caribbean I wished for a war
I knew that I was poor
I knew it was the only way to—

[HAMILTON/BURR/MULLIGAN/LAURENS/LAFAYETTE]
Rise up!

[HAMILTON]
If they tell my story
I am either gonna die on the battlefield in glory or—

[HAMILTON/BURR/MULLIGAN/LAURENS/LAFAYETTE]
Rise up!

[HAMILTON]
I will fight for this land
But there's only one man
Who can give us a command so we can—

[HAMILTON/BURR/MULLIGAN/LAURENS/LAFAYETTE]
Rise up!

[HAMILTON]
Understand? It's the only way to—

[HAMILTON/BURR/MULLIGAN/LAURENS/LAFAYETTE]
Rise up! Rise up!

[HAMILTON]
Here he comes!

[ENSEMBLE]

Here comes the General! . . .

[BURR]

The moment you've been waiting for! . . .

[BURR]

The pride of Mount Vernon! . . .

[BURR]

George Washington!

[WASHINGTON]

We are outgunned

Outmanned

Outnumbered

Outplanned

We gotta make an all out stand

Ayo, I'm gonna need a right-hand man.

Check it—

Can I be real a second?

For just a millisecond?

Let down my guard and tell the people how I feel a second?

Now I'm the model of a modern major general

The venerated Virginian veteran whose men are all

Lining up, to put me up on a pedestal

Writin' letters to relatives

Embellishin' my elegance and eloquence

But the elephant is in the room

The truth is in ya face when ya hear the British cannons go...

[ENSEMBLE]

Boom!

[WASHINGTON]

Any hope of success is fleeting

How can I keep leading when the people I'm

Leading keep retreating?

We put a stop to the bleeding as the British take

Brooklyn

Knight takes rook, but look

[WASHINGTON]

We are outgunned

Outmanned

Outnumbered

Outplanned

We gotta make an all out stand

Ayo, I'm gonna need a right-hand man

Incoming!

[HAMILTON]

They're battering down the Battery check the damages

[HAMILTON]

We gotta stop 'em and rob 'em of their advantages

[HAMILTON]

Let's take a stand with the stamina God has granted us

Hamilton won't abandon ship

Yo, let's steal their cannons—

[MULLIGAN]

Shh-boom! [COMPANY]

Boom!

[WASHINGTON]

Goes the cannon, watch the blood and the *** spray and...

[COMPANY]

Boom!

[WASHINGTON]

Goes the cannon, we're abandonin' Kips Bay and . .

[WASHINGTON]

There's another ship and . . .

[WASHINGTON]

We just lost the southern tip and . . .

[WASHINGTON]

We gotta run to Harlem quick, we can't afford another slip

Guns and horses giddyup

I decide to divvy up

My forces, they're skittish as the British cut the city up

This close to giving up, facing mad scrutiny

I scream in the face of this mass mutiny:

Are these the men with which I am to defend America?

We ride at midnight, Manhattan in the distance

I cannot be everywhere at once, people

I'm in dire need of assistance...

[BURR]

Your excellency, sir!

[WASHINGTON]

Who are you?

[BURR]

Aaron Burr, Sir?

Permission to state my case?

[WASHINGTON]

As you were

[BURR]

Sir, I was a captain under General Montgomery

Until he caught a bullet in the neck in Quebec

And well, in summary

I think that I could be of some assistance

I admire how you keep firing on the British

From a distance

I have some questions, a couple of suggestions on how to fight instead of fleeing west

...

[HAMILTON]

Your excellency, you wanted to see me?

[WASHINGTON]

Hamilton, come in, have you met Burr?

[HAMILTON]

Yes, sir

[HAMILTON AND BURR]

We keep meeting

[BURR]

As I was saying, sir, I look forward to seeing your strategy play out

[WASHINGTON]

Burr?

[BURR]

Sir?

[WASHINGTON]

Close the door on your way out

[HAMILTON]

Have I done something wrong, sir?

[WASHINGTON]

On the contrary

I called you here because our odds are beyond scary
Your reputation precedes you, but I have to laugh . . .
Hamilton, how come no one can get you on their staff?

...

Don't get me wrong, you're a young man, of great
renown

I know you stole British cannons when we were still
downtown

Nathaniel Green and Henry Knox wanted to hire you...

[HAMILTON]

To be their Secretary? I don't think so

[WASHINGTON]

Why're you upset?

[HAMILTON]

I'm not—

[WASHINGTON]

It's alright, you want to fight, you've got a hunger
I was just like you when I was younger
Head full of fantasies of dyin' like a martyr?

[HAMILTON]

Yes

[WASHINGTON]

Dying is easy, young man. Living is harder

[HAMILTON]

Why are you telling me this?

[WASHINGTON]

I'm being honest

I'm working with a third of what our Congress has
promised

We are a powder keg about to explode

I need someone like you to lighten the load. So?

[COMPANY (EXCEPT HAMILTON)]

I am not throwin' away my shot!

I am not throwin' away my shot!

Ayo, I'm just like my country, I'm young

Scrappy and hungry!

[HAMILTON]

I am not throwing away my shot!

[WASHINGTON AND COMPANY]

Son, we are outgunned, outmanned!

[HAMILTON]

You need all the help you can get

I have some friends. Laurens, Mulligan

Marquis de Lafayette, okay, what else?

[WASHINGTON AND COMPANY]

Outnumbered, outplanned!

[HAMILTON]

We'll need some spies on the inside

Some King's men who might let some things slide

[HAMILTON]

I'll write to Congress and tell 'em we need supplies, you

rally the guys, master the element of surprise

I'll rise above my station, organize your information, 'til

we rise to the occasion of our new nation. Sir!

[ENSEMBLE]

Here comes the General!

[HAMILTON]

Rise up! . .

[HAMILTON]

Rise up! [COMPANY]

Boom!

Chicka-boom! . . .

[WASHINGTON]

And his right hand man!

[FULL COMPANY]

Boom!

Guns and Ships lyrics

[BURR]

How does a ragtag volunteer army in need of a shower
Somehow defeat a global superpower?
How do we emerge victorious from the quagmire?
Leave the battlefield waving Betsy Ross' flag higher?
Yo. Turns out we have a secret weapon!
An immigrant you know and love who's unafraid to step
in!
He's constantly confusin', confoundin' the British
henchmen
Ev'ryone give it up for America's favorite fighting
Frenchman!

[COMPANY]
Lafayette!

[LAFAYETTE]
I'm takin this horse by the reins makin'
Redcoats redder with bloodstains

[COMPANY]
Lafayette!

[LAFAYETTE]
And I'm never gonna stop until I make 'em
Drop and burn 'em up and scatter their remains, I'm

[COMPANY]
Lafayette!

[LAFAYETTE]
Watch me engagin' em! Escapin' em!
Enragin' em! I'm—

[COMPANY]
Lafayette!

[LAFAYETTE]
I go to France for more funds

[COMPANY]
Lafayette!

[LAFAYETTE]
I come back with more

[LAFAYETTE AND ENSEMBLE]
Guns And ships
And so the balance shifts

[WASHINGTON]
We rendezvous with Rochambeau, consolidate their
gifts

[LAFAYETTE]
We can end this war at Yorktown, cut them off at sea,
but

For this to succeed, there is someone else we need:

[WASHINGTON]
I know

[WASHINGTON AND COMPANY]
Hamilton!

[LAFAYETTE]
Sir, he knows what to do in a trench
Ingenuitive and fluent in French, I mean—

[WASHINGTON AND COMPANY]
Hamilton!

[LAFAYETTE]
Sir, you're gonna have to use him eventually
What's he gonna do on the bench? I mean—

[WASHINGTON AND COMPANY]
Hamilton!

[LAFAYETTE]
No one has more resilience
Or matches my practical tactical brilliance—

[WASHINGTON AND COMPANY]
Hamilton!

[LAFAYETTE]
You wanna fight for your land back?

[WASHINGTON]
I need my right hand man back!

[LAFAYETTE]
Ah! Uh, get ya right hand man back
You know you gotta get ya right hand man back
I mean you gotta put some thought into the letter but
the sooner the better
To get your right hand man back!

[COMPANY]
Hamilton! . . .

[MEN]
Get your right hand man back!
Your right hand man back! . . .

[WASHINGTON]
Alexander Hamilton
Troops are waiting in the field for you
If you join us right now, together we can turn the tide
Oh, Alexander Hamilton
I have soldiers that will yield for you
If we manage to get this right
They'll surrender by early light

The world will never be the same, Alexander

Yorktown (The World Turned Upside Down) lyrics

Chorus:

The Battle of Yorktown. 1781.

Lafayette:

Monsieur Hamilton.

Hamilton:

Monsieur Lafayette.

Lafayette:

In command where you belong.

Hamilton:

How you say, 'No Sweat'
We're finally on the field,
We've had quite a run.

Both:

Immigrants, we get the job done!

Hamilton:

So what happens if we win?

Lafayette:

I go back to France.
I bring freedom to me people,
If I'm given the chance.

Hamilton:

We'll be with you when you do.

Lafayette:

Go lead your men.

Hamilton:

I'll see you on the other side.

Lafayette:

'Till we meet again.

Hamilton:

I am not throwing away my shot!
I am not throwing away my shot!
Yo, I'm just like my country,
I'm young, scrappy, and hungry,
And I am not throwing away my shot!

Chorus:

I am not throwing away my shot!

Hamilton:

('Till the world turns upside down.)

Chorus:

'Till the world turns upside down

Hamilton:

I imagine death so much it feels more like a memory.

This is where it gets me: on my feet,
the enemy ahead of me.

If this is the end of me,
at least I have a friend with me,
weapon in my hand,
a command, and my men with me.

Then I remember my Eliza's expecting me,
not only that, my Eliza's expecting.

We gotta go,
gotta get the job done,
gotta start a new nation,
gotta meet my son.

Take the bullets out yo guns!
The bullets out yo guns!

We move under cover,
and we move as one.

Through the night we have one shot to live another day.
We can not let a stray gunshot give us away.

We will fight up close,
seize the moment and stay in it.

It's either that or meet the business end of a bayonet.
The code word is 'Rochambeau,' dig me?

Chorus:

Rochambeau!

Hamilton:

You have your orders now,
Go man, go!
And so the American experiment begins,
with my friends all scattered to the winds,
Laurens is South Carolina,
redefining bravery.
We'll never be free until we end slavery.
When we finally drive the British away,
Lafayette is there waiting, in Chesapeake Bay.
How did we know that this plan would work?
We had a spy on the inside,
That's right:

Chorus:

Hercules Mulligan!

Mulligan:

A tailor spyin' on the British Government,
I take the measurements, information, and then I
smuggle it,
To my brothers, revolutionary covenant,
I'm running with the sons of liberty and I am loving it!
See that's what happens when you're up against the
ruffians.
We in the *** now,
Somebody gotta shovel it.

Hercules Mulligan,

I need no introduction,

When you knock me down,
I get *** back up again!
Record Scratch Break

Hamilton:
After a week of fighting,
A young man in a red coat stands on a parapet.

Lafayette:
We lower our guns as he frantically waves a white
handkerchief.

Mulligan:
And just like that it's over,
We tend to our wounded,
We count our dead.

Laurens:
Black and White soldiers wonder alike if this really
means freedom.

Washington:
Not yet.

Hamilton:
We negotiate the terms of surrender.
I see George Washington smile.
We escort their men out of Yorktown.
They stagger home, single file.

Tens of thousands of people flood the streets,
There are screams and church bells ringing.
And as our fallen foes retreat,
I hear the drinking song they're singing.

Chorus:
The world turned upside down.

...
Down, down, down!

Lafayette:
Freedom for America,
Freedom for France!

...

Hamilton:
Gotta start a new nation,
Gotta meet my son!

...

Lafayette, Mulligan, then Hamilton:
We won! x3

Chorus:
The world turned upside...
Down!

Cabinet Battle #1 lyrics

[WASHINGTON]
Ladies and gentlemen, you coulda been anywhere in the
world tonight, but you're here with us in New York City.
Are you ready for a cabinet meeting?
The issue on the table: Secretary Hamilton's plan to
assume state debt and establish a national bank.
Secretary Jefferson, you have the floor, sir

[JEFFERSON]
'Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.'
We fought for these ideals; we shouldn't settle for less
These are wise words, enterprising men quote 'em
Don't act surprised, you guys, cuz I wrote 'em

[JEFFERSON/MADISON]
Oww

[JEFFERSON]
But Hamilton forgets
His plan would have the government assume state's
debts
Now, place your bets as to who that benefits:

The very seat of government where Hamilton sits

[HAMILTON]
Not true!

[JEFFERSON]
Ooh, if the shoe fits, wear it
If New York's in debt—
Why should Virginia bear it? Uh! Our debts are paid, I'm
afraid
Don't tax the South cuz we got it made in the shade
In Virginia, we plant seeds in the ground
We create. You just wanna move our money around
This financial plan is an outrageous demand
And it's too many *** pages for any man to understand
Stand with me in the land of the free
And pray to God we never see Hamilton's candidacy
Look, when Britain taxed our tea, we got frisky
Imagine what gon' happen when you try to tax our
whisky

[WASHINGTON]

Thank you, Secretary Jefferson. Secretary Hamilton, your response

[HAMILTON]

Thomas. That was a real nice declaration
Welcome to the present, we're running a real nation
Would you like to join us, or stay mellow
Doin' whatever the *** it is you do in Monticello?
If we assume the debts, the union gets
A new line of credit, a financial diuretic
How do you not get it? If we're aggressive and
competitive
The union gets a boost. You'd rather give it a sedative?
A civics lesson from a slaver. Hey neighbor,
your debts are paid cuz you don't pay for labor
"We plant seeds in the South. We create."
Yeah, keep ranting
We know who's really doing the planting
And another thing, Mr. Age of Enlightenment
Don't lecture me about the war, you didn't fight in it
You think I'm frightened of you, man?
We almost died in the trench
While you were off getting high with the French
Thomas Jefferson, always hesitant with the President
Reticent—there isn't a plan he doesn't jettison
Madison, you're mad as a hatter, son, take your
medicine
***, you're in worse shape than the national debt is in
...

[WASHINGTON]

Excuse me? Jefferson, Madison, take a walk! Hamilton,
take a walk! We'll reconvene after a brief recess.
Hamilton!

...

[JEFFERSON/MADISON]

You don't have the votes

[JEFFERSON]

Aha-ha-ha ha!

[JEFFERSON/MADISON]

You're gonna need congressional approval and you
don't have the votes

[JEFFERSON]

Such a blunder sometimes it makes me wonder why I
even bring the thunder

[MADISON]

Why he even brings the thunder...

[WASHINGTON]

You wanna pull yourself together?

[HAMILTON]

I'm sorry, these Virginians are birds of a feather

[WASHINGTON]

Young man, I'm from Virginia, so watch your mouth

[HAMILTON]

So we let Congress get held hostage by the South?

[WASHINGTON]

You need the votes

[HAMILTON]

No, we need bold strokes. We need this plan

[WASHINGTON]

No, you need to convince more folks

[HAMILTON]

James Madison won't talk to me, that's a nonstarter

[WASHINGTON]

Winning was easy, young man. Governing's harder

[HAMILTON]

They're being intransigent

[WASHINGTON]

You have to find a compromise

[HAMILTON]

But they don't have a plan, they just hate mine!

[WASHINGTON]

Convince them otherwise

[HAMILTON]

What happens if I don't get congressional approval?

[WASHINGTON]

I imagine they'll call for your removal ...

[WASHINGTON]

Figure it out, Alexander. That's an order from your
commander.

Cabinet Battle #2 lyrics

[WASHINGTON]

The issue on the table: France is on the verge of war with England, and do we provide aid and our troops to our French allies or do we stay out of it? Remember, my decision on this matter is not subject to congressional approval. The only person you have to convince is me. Secretary Jefferson, you have the floor, sir

[JEFFERSON]

When we were on death's door, when we were needy
We made a promise, we signed a treaty
We needed money and guns and half a chance
Who provided those funds?

[MADISON]

France

[JEFFERSON]

In return, they didn't ask for land
Only a promise that we'd lend a hand
And stand with them if they fought against oppressors
And revolution is messy but now is the time to stand
Stand with our brothers as they fight against tyranny
I know that Alexander Hamilton is here and he
Would rather not have this debate
I'll remind you that he is not Secretary of State
He knows nothing of loyalty
Smells like new money, dresses like fake royalty
Desperate to rise above his station
Everything he does betrays the ideals of our nation

[JEFFERSON]

Hey, and if ya don't know, now ya know, Mr. President

[WASHINGTON]

Thank you, Secretary Jefferson. Secretary Hamilton,
your response

[HAMILTON]

You must be out of your *** mind if you think
The President is gonna bring the nation to the brink
Of meddling in the middle of a military mess
A game of chess, where France is Queen and Kingless
We signed a treaty with a King whose head is now in a
basket
Would you like to take it out and ask it?
"Should we honor our treaty, King Louis' head?"
"Uh... do whatever you want, I'm super dead."

[WASHINGTON]

Enough. Hamilton is right
We're too fragile to start another fight

[JEFFERSON]

But sir, do we not fight for freedom?

[WASHINGTON]

Sure, when the French figure out who's gonna lead 'em

[JEFFERSON]

The people are leading—

[WASHINGTON]

The people are rioting
There's a difference. Frankly, it's a little disquieting you
would let your ideals blind you to reality
Hamilton

[HAMILTON]

Sir

[WASHINGTON]

Draft a statement of neutrality

[JEFFERSON]

Did you forget Lafayette? . . .

[JEFFERSON]

Have you an ounce of regret?
You accumulate debt, you accumulate power
Yet in their hour of need, you forget

[HAMILTON]

Lafayette's a smart man, he'll be fine
And before he was your friend, he was mine
If we try to fight in every revolution in the world, we
never stop
Where do we draw the line?

[JEFFERSON]

So quick-witted

[HAMILTON]

Alas, I admit it

[JEFFERSON]

I bet you were quite a lawyer

[HAMILTON]

My defendants got acquitted

[JEFFERSON]

Yeah. Well, someone oughta remind you . . .

[JEFFERSON]

You're nothing without Washington behind you

[WASHINGTON]

Hamilton!

[JEFFERSON]

Daddy's calling!