
MAINE'S SONGS

These songs, sung by thousands of Maine students and alumni down through the years, are printed through the courtesy of the University of Maine Alumni Association.

The Stein Song

(Written by Lincoln Colcord '05; arranged by Prof. A. W. Sprague '05)

*Fill the steins to dear old Maine, fill as the rafters ring.
Stand and drink the toast once again, let every loyal Maine man sing.
Drink to all the happy hours, drink to the careless days,
Drink to Maine, our alma mater, the college of our hearts always.
To the trees, to the sky, to the Spring in its glorious happiness;
to the youth, to the fire, to the life that is moving and calling us!
To the Gods, to the Fates, to the rulers of men and their destinies;
To the lips, to the eyes, to the girls who will love us some day!*

University Hymn

(By H. E. Estabrooke '76)

Land of the forest, lake, and sea,
of mountain peak and lordly pine,
we lift our hearts in prayer for thee
and ask a blessing all divine.
God ever keep thee in his hand,
may peace within thy borders reign,
and all thy children loyal stand
to guard thee well, O dear-loved Maine!
And, gentle mother on the hill,
a blessing too we ask for thee,
that love supreme may guide thee till
thy river runs not to the sea.
And when the years, in rapid flight,
shall leave their impress on thy brow,
through weal or woe, through dark or bright,
we'll love thee still as we do now.

For Maine

(By Charles D. Bartlett '14)

Marching, we're marching to victory,
sweeping resistance away.
Tearing along with cheering,
Maine's going to conquer today.
RAH! RAH! RAH!
Now we are nearing the goal line,
gain on steady gain,
nothing can stop us from scoring,
touchdown for Maine, Maine, Maine.
Maine...for Maine! For Maine!
for M-A-I-N-E, Maine, Maine, Maine.

Old Maine is Out to Win Today

(Words by E. Lamb '10)

(Tune: *When Johnnie Comes Marching Home*)

Old Maine is out to win today, hurrah, hurrah. Each man is anxious for the fray, hurrah, hurrah
For one and all will do or die, and that's the very season why,
We all feel sure old Maine will win today; we all feel sure old Maine will win today.
Her backs and ends are tried and true, hurrah, hurrah,
Each lineman is a fighter too, hurrah, hurrah,
No matter where that team may go, they'll conquer each and every foe,
For they're fighting for the fame of dear old Maine, for they're fighting for the fame of dear old Maine.
The game was hard but now it's won, hurrah, hurrah,
So gather round and join the fun, hurrah, hurrah.
Life up your glasses to the sky, to those who said they'd do or die,
For we all are loyal sons of dear old Maine, for we all are loyal sons of dear old Maine!

University of Maine Band

(By Joe McCusher '17)

There's a college down in Orono, in the good old State of Maine, where the teams all show 'em how to go,
win or lose in any game. Oh the students sure know how to cheer, and Bananas lends a hand,
But the boys who keep the pep up, are the members of the band!
They always look so fine when in the line as down the field they go, just see them keep in step so full of pep
they form their ranks just so, and as they swing along and play the song,
so dear to ev'ry Maine man, spell it the long way, and take your hats off to the band!



► The Stein Song

Maine's "Stein Song" is one of the most recognizable fight songs in the country. Written in 1910 by Lincoln Colcord and made popular by Rudy Vallee, University of Maine Class of 1925, it became number one on the pop charts of that day. The song was named the nation's sixth best fight song in the 1998 book, *College Fight Songs: An Annotated Anthology*. The song is played at a variety of events on campus, including sporting events and graduation.

► Bananas - The Black Bear

The black bear has been the mascot of the University of Maine since 1914. Jeff, a black bear cub who was found on the slopes of Mt. Katahdin in that year, was loaned to the University by Old Town police chief O.B. Fernandez, who hoped that he might bring good luck to the football team. Jeff made his debut at a rally in preparation for the Colby game, and as he entered the auditorium, the surprised crowd applauded enthusiastically. Thinking it only proper thing to do, Jeff gratefully stood on his head; the crowd went "bananas!" Maine went on to whip Colby 31-6, and Maine has been going "bananas" for Black Bears ever since. At least 15 different black bears have carried on the name "Bananas" until the practice of having live mascots was banned after the death of "Cindy Bananas" in 1966. In 1969, the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity began providing a "human bananas" as a service to the university, and they continue to do so today. Bananas takes part in several events on campus, including athletic events, and in community activities. In the fall of 2004, a newly designed "Bananas" mascot was unveiled at the first home football game.



► Maine Day

Since 1935, "Maine Day" has been set aside as a day in the spring for the classes to be suspended as students, faculty, staff and alumni take part in cleaning and sprucing up the campus. Several events are held throughout the day, including a wake-up parade, a lunchtime barbecue and games in the afternoon.

"The Princeton Review rates Maine among the top 20 'best bargains' among public colleges and universities in the U.S."

