ORIGIN OF FAVORITE FOURTH OF JULY SONGS TOLD BY THE GOVERNMENT

How "Yankee Doodle," "America," "Hail Columbia," and "The Star-Spangled Banner" Came to be Written Told by the Chief of Music Division of Library of Congress.

The New York Journal of 1798 that it was sung as early as that time. The song was first published in the "New York Journal" in 1807.

"Yankee Doodle" was written by a New York printer named John Adams, who was also a poet. The tune was first published in 1808.

"America" was written by a Philadelphia lawyer named John Stafford Smith. The song was first published in 1814.

"Hail Columbia" was written by a New York lawyer named John Howard Payne. The song was first published in 1823.

"The Star-Spangled Banner" was written by a Maryland lawyer named Francis Scott Key. The song was first published in 1814.