



" We've only just come from Japan ;
 It's yonder o'er the sea—
 The language is not quite the same
 As spoke by you and me.
 But soldiers are the boys to learn ;
 And when on shore we ran,
 We heard each little maiden whisper
 Softly to her fan—
 ' Here they come,
 Fife and drum !
 Gaily led,
 The lads in red
 All our hearts have gone astray
 Since these lads have come this way !
 It's worth a score of years to come
 To have seen Japan with the fife and drum."