

Song: Marching through Georgia by Henry Clay Work

Bring the good old bugle, boys, we'll sing another song
 Sing it with a spirit that will start the world along
 Sing it as we used to sing it, 50,000 strong
 While we were marching through Georgia.□□

Chorus□

Hurrah! Hurrah! we bring the jubilee!
 Hurrah! Hurrah! the flag that makes you free!
 So we sang the chorus from Atlanta to the sea
 While we were marching through Georgia.□□

Verse 2

How the darkeys shouted when they heard the joyful sound
 How the turkeys gobbled which our commissary found
 How the sweet potatoes even started from the ground
 While we were marching through Georgia.

Verse 3

□Yes and there were Union men who wept with joyful tears,
 When they saw the honored flag they had not seen for
 years;
 Hardly could they be restrained from breaking forth in
 cheers,
 While we were marching through Georgia.□□

Verse 4□

"Sherman's dashing Yankee boys will never reach the coast!"
 So the saucy rebels said and 'twas a handsome boast
 Had they not forgot, alas! to reckon with the Host
 While we were marching through Georgia.□□

Verse 5□

So we made a thoroughfare for freedom and her train,
 Sixty miles in latitude, three hundred to the main;
 Treason fled before us, for resistance was in vain
 While we were marching through Georgia.

According to the lyrics ...

1. How large was Gen Sherman's army?
2. What does it mean to 'bring jubilee'?
3. What does this verse mean?
(Commissary = army supply department)
4. What is this verse suggesting?
5. Why might the rebels have thought the Yankees would never reach the coast?
6. What did the Union think it was introducing? And what did it believe it was removing?

What do you think about this song?
 How does it make you feel?
 What else would you like to know?