

The Liberty Tree
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[Intro]

C Cmaj7 F C Cmaj7 G C

[Verse]

Twas in the year of ninety-three
C G
The French did plant an olive tree
C Cmaj7 F
The symbol of great liberty
C Cmaj7 G C
And the people danced around it
Dm G C
Oh, wasn't I telling you
F G
The French declared courageously
C Cmaj7 F
That equality, freedom and fraternity
C Cmaj7 G C
Would be the cry of every nation

[Verse]

In ninety-four a new campaign
C G
The tools of darkness did maintain
Am Em Cmaj7 F
Gaul's brave sons, they did form a league
C Cmaj7 G C
And their foes, they were dumbfounded
Dm G C
They gave to Flanders liberty
F G
And all its people they set free
Am Em Cmaj7 F
The Dutch and Austrians home did flee
C Cmaj7 G C
And the dukes they were confounded

[Verse]

Behold, may all of humankind
C G
Emancipated with the French combine
Am Em Cmaj7 F
May laurels green all on them shine
C Cmaj7 G C

And their sons and daughters long wear them

Dm G C

May every tyrant shake with dread

F G

And tremble for their guilty head

Am Em Cmaj7 F

May the fleur-de-lis in dust be laid

C Cmaj7 G C

And they no longer wear them

[Verse]

Cmaj7 F

For church and state in close embrace

C G

Is the burden of the human race

Am Em Cmaj7 F

And the people tell you to your face

C Cmaj7 G C

That you will long repent it

Dm G C

For kings in power and preaching drones

F G

Are the cause of all your heavy groans

Am Em Cmaj7 F

Down from your pulpits, down from your thrones

C Cmaj7 G C

You will tumble unlamented

[Verse]

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