

Yard by Yard

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“Yard by Yard” has long been Williams’ traditional fight song, sung at athletic events, alumni meetings, and other occasions. “Yard by Yard” originated in the spring of 1909 as two different songs, both entered in the that year’s interclass singing contest, where members of each class wrote and performed an original song. After the contest, Brown and Wood decided to combine their compositions into a single song, with Brown’s song used as the verse and Wood’s as the chorus. Contrary to popular belief, neither Brown’s “March to Glory” (as it was called) or Wood and Potter’s “Yard by Yard” won the 1909 contest. “Yard by Yard” first appeared in its current form in the 1910 edition of *Songs of Williams*, of which Wood was one of the editors.

In march time ♩ = 120

Daugh - ters and sons of Wil - liams sing, As we march on the field.

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5
Cheer till the hills and val - leys ring, There's nev - er a thought to yield.

9
We'll back the team thro' ev - 'ry game, With them in ev - 'ry play.

13

Fling out the pur-ple hail, _____ for once a-gain comes Wil-liam's day. Yard by yard we'll

This system contains measures 13 through 17. It features a vocal line in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The lyrics are: "Fling out the pur-ple hail, _____ for once a-gain comes Wil-liam's day. Yard by yard we'll".

18

fight our way, Thro' Am-herst's line, Ev - 'ry one in ev - 'ry play,

This system contains measures 18 through 22. The lyrics are: "fight our way, Thro' Am-herst's line, Ev - 'ry one in ev - 'ry play,".

23

striv-ing all the time. Cheer on cheer will rend the air, All be-hind our

This system contains measures 23 through 27. The lyrics are: "striv-ing all the time. Cheer on cheer will rend the air, All be-hind our".

