

World War I - "Over There"

Johnnie get your gun,
get your gun, get your gun
Take it on the run,
on the run, on the run,
Here them calling, you and me,
Every son of liberty.
Hurry right away, no delay, go today,
Make your daddy glad to have had such a lad,
Tell your sweetheart not to pine,
To be proud her boy's in line

Chorus:

Over there, over there,
Send the word, send the word, over there,
That the Yanks are coming, the Yanks are coming,
The drums rum tumming everywhere,
So prepare, say a prayer,
Send the word, send the word, to beware,
We'll be over, we're coming over
And we won't be back till its over
Over there.

Johnnie get your gun,
get your gun, get your gun,
Johnnie show the Hun,
you're a son-of-a-gun,
Hoist the flag and let her fly,
Like true heroes do or die.
Pack your little kit,
show your grit, do your bit,
Soldiers on the ranks
from the towns and the tanks,
Make your mother proud of you,
And liberty be true.

Chorus

1. What is the mood of the song? Cite specific lyrics to illustrate your point!
2. Given what's happened on the Western Front, is the tone/mood of the song appropriate? Why/why not?
3. How do you think Americans responded to the song?