# John Brown

John Brown's body lies *a-mouldering* in the grave — *modernd*
but his *soul* goes marching on. — *Seele*
Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!
He's gone to be a soldier in the Army of the *Lord*... — *Gott*
John Brown's *knapsack* is strapped upon his back... — *Tornister, Rucksack*
John Brown died that the slaves might be free...
The stars above in Heaven now are looking *kindly* down... — *freundlich*
On the *grave* of old John Brown. — *Grab*
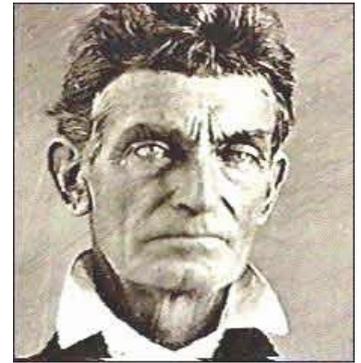
It's a famous song. It celebrates the man who became a hero to Americans who were opposed to slavery.

John Brown was a white man with a large family. Seeking work, he settled down in a

black township. He was shocked by the way that the black slaves were treated. With five of his sons, he started illegally importing guns into Kansas to help slaves fight for their freedom. One of their attacks on some slavery supporters ended in bloodshed. The massacre made John Brown famous and feared.
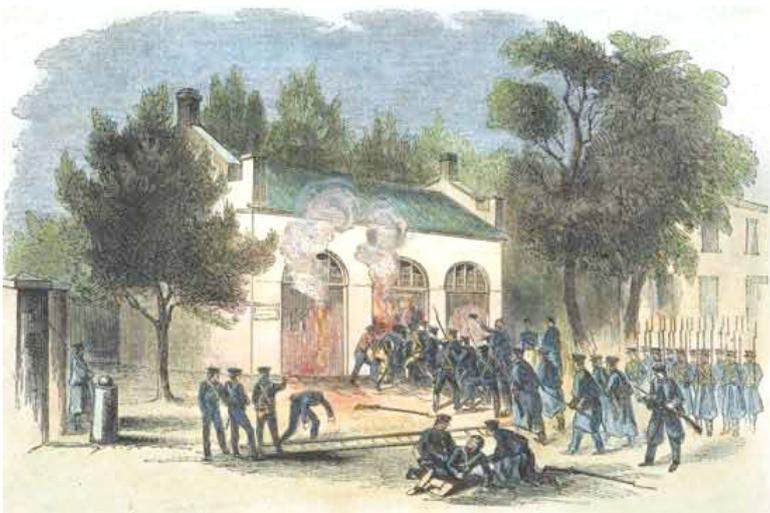
In 1859 he and eighteen armed men captured a government armoury at Harpers Ferry in West Virginia, taking 60 hostages. They intended to arm the slaves and start a revolt. However, after two days soldiers stormed the armoury to free the hostages and capture Brown. He was tried and hanged shortly afterwards. This was just before the Civil War between North and South.

to celebrate: feiern
opposed: gegen
to settle down: sich niederlassen
township: Bezirk
to treat: behandeln
guns: Schusswaffen

freedom: Freiheit
supporter: Befürworter
bloodshed: Blutvergiessen
feared: gefürchtet
to capture: gefangen nehmen
armoury: Zeughaus, Waffenfabrik

hostage: Geisel
intend: beabsichtigen
to arm: bewaffnen
be tried: verurteilt werden

Translate:

Er wurde ein Held. ....

Sie kämpfen um Freiheit. ....

Er ließ sich in Kansas nieder. ....

Sie beabsichtigten, eine Revolte zu beginnen. ....

Er importierte Gewehre nach Kansas. ....

Die Soldaten befreiten die Geiseln. ....

Sie nahmen John Brown gefangen. ....