

**Mercer University Songs**

**MERCER'S COLORS**

Mercer's colors are the orange and the black,  
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 And we will die for them.  
 Chorus  
 Glory, glory to old Mercer,  
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 M-E-R-C-E-R.

**THE MERCER MAN**

George Herbert Clark  
 Tune: Watch on the Rhine  
 In days gone by the floods rose high,  
 And higher rose it every hour,  
 But higher still the spire arose,  
 Old Mercer's storied tower!  
 For there were men in distant days  
 And we must all concur, sir,  
 That tho' the years may come and go,  
 The men are made at Mercer.

Beneath fair Mercer's honored walls,  
 Rich in life's true ebb and flow,  
 We learn to wage life's battles stern,  
 And feel warm friendship's glow.  
 And though asunder far we roam  
 Our lives unite in Mercer,  
 Nor space nor time can e'er dissolve  
 The fellowship of Mercer.

And when a thousand years have  
 flown,  
 Mercer's glory still shall shine;  
 Still shall the host of Mercer's sons  
 Pay devotion at her shrine.  
 Then swell the song both loud and  
 long,  
 Till rocks and forest quiver,  
 Long live our Alma Mater dear,  
 Old Mercer live forever.

**MERCER SONG**

Tune: America.

Dear Mercer, 'tis of thee,  
 Fountain of jollity,  
 Of thee we sing,  
 Let streams of friendship glide,  
 Send forth a joyous tide,  
 Till every mountain side  
 With echoes ring.

Fair songs of Mercer, ye,  
 Earth's true nobility,  
 Of thee we sing.  
 Teachers are in thy band,  
 There poets, statesmen stand,  
 And holy men command,  
 Truth to prolong.

Fair Mercer, hail to thee  
 (Queen of the South is she),  
 Thy name we love.  
 May true men throng thy haill,  
 And when they leave thy walls  
 Obey the world-wide calls,  
 Mankind to bless.

**MERCER UNIVERSITY**  
 W. L. Pickard.

Tune: Maryland, My Maryland.

O Mercer University!  
 All thy sons will loyal be;  
 We'll make of thee great Georgia's  
 pride  
 And love thee as a bonnie bride;  
 We'll fling thy colors to the air  
 And make them honored ev'rywhere,  
 For culture, truth and liberty—  
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O Mercer University!  
 All thy sons will live for thee,  
 Each son will shrine thee in his heart  
 Nor ever drift from thee apart;  
 For sainted sires built thy walls  
 And consecrated all thy halls,  
 And from the skies we hear their calls  
 Mercer University.

O Mercer University!  
 All thy sons will die for thee,  
 For in the springtime of our youth  
 We drank from thy fountain of truth.  
 We love thee as our mother dear,  
 And at thy call will answer "Here."  
 With all our might we'll do and dare,  
 For Mercer University.

O Mercer University!  
 We pledge thee deathless loyalty;  
 E'en tho' our forms shall turn to dust  
 Our spirits still will keep thy trust;  
 Should then some vandal thee defame  
 or whisper aught against thy name,  
 We'd rend the tomb thee to defend,  
 Mercer University.

**MERCER, MOTHER DEAR**  
 William Russell Owen

Tune: Hubert.

Mercer, Mother dear!  
 Hail to thee we sing;  
 Loyal songs, we come adoring;  
 Heaven's blessings now imploring;  
 Valiant hearts we bring,  
 Mercer dear, to thee!

Mercer, Mother dear!  
 We will with thee fight,  
 And altho' the foe be glorious,  
 We will come to thee victorious,  
 Guided by thy might,  
 Mercer, Mother dear!  
 Alma Mater, dear!  
 Mercer, still lead on!  
 For we pledge our love's affection—  
 Pray for thee God's best protection,  
 Till our race is done,  
 Mercer, Mother dear!

**ALMA MATER SONG**  
 of Mercer University

Tune: O Mother, Dear Jerusalem.

O Mercer dear, with rapt delight  
 Thy sons, a thousand strong,  
 From Rabun Gap to Tybee Light  
 Thy fame acclaim in song.  
 The glory of our Mother's face,  
 Effulgent evermore,  
 Reveals the beauty and the grace  
 That Mercer men adore.

Thy mission is to Mercerize  
 The youth who come to thee,  
 With alkali that beautifies  
 Their mental crudity.  
 A greater strength the fibres show  
 A silken luster gleams;  
 The human product, they who know  
 Fulfillment of their dreams.

O Mother dear, thy songs are here  
 Beneath thy towers tall,  
 Thy name we love with holy fear,  
 We pledge to thee our all.  
 To thee with joy we give this day  
 The strength of mind and heart,  
 Thy gracious law we will obey:  
 "All good receive, impart."

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