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Subject: UT Fight Song

I have found four versions. Not sure which one is the "right" one.

The oldest is a printed version from 1937 (it was written by David Connolly in 1932). It says:

U of Toledo we'll fight for you (fight, fight, fight)
U of Toledo we love the gold and blue (fight, fight, fight)
Men of the Varsity the enemy must yield
We'll fight just like our Ancestors and march on down the field.

It did not include the customary T-O-L-E-D-O, Toledo!

Version from the 1997 Football Dope Book:

U of Toledo, we'll fight for you (fight, fight, fight)
U of Toledo, we love the Gold and Blue (let's go Blue)
Men of the Varsity, the enemy must yield
We'll fight like our Ancestors and march right down the field!
T-O-L-E-D-O, Toledo!

I have a version from 2001 that is the same as above, except it says "We love our Gold and Blue"

And a later version from the UT Traditions pamphlet that is the same except for "We love that Gold and Blue"

Apparently in 1975 David Jex of the Music Dept. did a new arrangement of the song. We have his sheet music score, but it does not contain any words.

Also, originally this part was just the chorus. It had a verse about Indians roaming the Maumee before Anthony Wayne came along. Not politically correct, and probably not what you want to include! It does not seem to have been used for some time.

So, what is the "right" version? I have no idea. Personally, I would go with whatever the Athletic Dept. says is the right version that they publish in their programs.