

Britons Strike Home!

A NEW SONG.

1.

SHOULD Frenchmen e'er pollute Britannia's strand,
Or press with hostile hoof this sacred land;
The daring deed should every Briton arm,
To save his native land from dire alarm;
Her free-born Sons should instant take the field,
The Altar and the Throne at once to shield.

Britons, strike home! avenge your Country's cause,
Protect your KING, your LIBERTIES, and LAWS!

2.

Repel the Foe, that desperate, dares invade
The land protected by great SYDNEY's shade;
And in the cause for which your HAMDEN bled,
Should ev'ry Briton's blood be freely shed;
A cause no less than Liberty and Life,
The poor Man's Home, his Children, and his Wife.

Britons strike home, &c.

3.

The base Usurper comes—his troops advance,
And line, with threat'ning front, the shores of France;
Already has the Despot given the word;
Already has he drawn his blood-stain'd sword;
While JAFFA's plains attest th' Assassin's skill,
Poison and blood—the dagger and the pill.

Britons strike home, &c.

4.

No common war we wage—our *native land*
Is menac'd by a murderous, ruthless band;
The Throne and Altar by their Chief o'erturn'd,
And at his feet one half the prostrate world!
“Plunder, and Rape, and Death's” the hostile cry,
“Fire to your towns—to Britons slavery!”

Britons strike home, &c.

5.

Come, Bonaparte, come! we are prepar'd;
No British heart a foreign foe e'er fear'd.
What! tho' an abject world in arms should rise,
In ENGLAND's cause a Briton death defies:
If to herself she prove but firm and true,
Gaul, and her frantic Chief she'll make to rue.

Britons strike home, &c.

6.

Plung'd in the deep her navy we'll confound,
Or with French blood manure our British ground;
Drive backward to the sea the Gallic slaves,
And overwhelm their host, like Pharaoh's, in the waves;
Restore lost Peace and Plenty to our isle,
And make the land again with gladness smile.

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