**How accurate is ‘You’ll be back’?**

You say  
*The price of my love's not a price that you're willing to pay  
You cry  
In your tea which you hurl in the sea when you see me go by*Why so sad?  
Remember we made an arrangement when you went away  
**Now you're making me mad**  
*Remember, despite our estrangement, I'm your man  
You'll be back, soon you'll see  
You'll remember you belong to me  
You'll be back, time will tell  
You'll remember that I served you well*  
Oceans rise, empires fall  
We have seen each other through it all  
**And when push comes to shove  
I will send a fully armed battalion to remind you of my love!**

**‘It is now become the part of wisdom… to put a speedy end to these disorders by the most decisive exertions. For this purpose I have increased my naval establishment, and greatly augmented my land forces.’**

*‘When the unhappy and deluded multitude, against whom this force will be directed, shall become sensible of their error, I shall be ready to receive the misled with tenderness and mercy!’*

**‘Parliament breathed a spirit of moderation and forbearance…. I have acted with the same temper.’**

*‘a rebellion existed within the province of the Massachusetts Bay’.*

Da da da dat da dat da da da da ya da  
Da da dat dat da ya da!  
Da da da dat da dat da da da da ya da  
Da da dat dat da...

*‘to be a subject of Great Britain, with all its consequences, is to be the freest member of any civil society in the known world.’*

You say our love is draining and you can't go on  
*You'll be the one complaining when I am gone...*  
And no, don't change the subject  
Cuz you're my favorite subject  
My sweet, submissive subject  
My loyal, royal subject  
Forever and ever and ever and ever and ever...

**‘I have also the satisfaction to inform you, that I have received the most friendly offers of foreign assistance.’**

You'll be back like before  
**I will fight the fight and win the war**  
For your love, for your praise  
And I'll love you till my dying days  
When you're gone, I'll go mad  
So don't throw away this thing we had  
Cuz when push comes to shove  
*I will kill your friends and family to remind you of my love*

*‘the effusion of the blood of my subjects; and the calamities which are inseparable from a state of war.’*

Da da da dat da dat da da da da ya da  
Da da dat dat da ya da!  
Da da da dat da dat da da da da ya da

Background information:

Despite not wanting to lose the colony, King George did want to ‘meet the friendship of the United States as an independent power.’

Background information:

King George III is sometimes known as ‘Mad King George’, as he suffered from mental illnesses.

**Background information:**

1773: In Boston Harbour, Massachusetts, a group of colonists boarded 3 British tea ships and dumped 342 chests of tea into the sea. Known as the “Boston Tea Party,” it was a protest against the Tea Act of 1773, which allowed Britain to import tea with very low tax.

**Activities: How useful is the source to tell us about decolonisation?**

1. **Match the evaluative point with the correct example(s), and, if relevant, quotation(s).**

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| **Evaluation** | **Match!** | **Example** | **Match!** | **Quotation** |
| Limited: not very comprehensive. |  | References that America was the first English colony. |  | *‘tea which you hurl in the sea…’* |
| Useful: tells us about the American break from the empire. | The purpose of the song is to entertain, and it is quite silly rather than serious, and uses informal language | *‘We have seen each other through it all...’* |
| Limited: not an academic source. | References the Boston Tea Party. | *‘When you're gone, I'll go mad…’* |
| References King George’s madness. | *‘Da da da dat da dat da da da da ya da’* |
| Useful: accurate references to historical events. | Only tells us about one country leaving the empire, not lots of different examples. | *‘I will send a fully armed battalion to remind you of my love!’* |
| References that King George threatened violence to stop the rebellion. | *‘Cuz when push comes to shove I will kill your friends and family to remind you of my love’* |

1. **Overall, how useful is the source?**

The source is not / quite / very useful in telling us about decolonisation as it is not / quite / very comprehensive, and not / quite / very accurate.

**Challenge: Read King George III’s speech to both Houses of Parliament, on Friday, October 27, 1775.**

"Those who have long too successfully laboured to inflame my people in America by gross misrepresentations, and to infuse into their minds a system of opinions, repugnant to the true constitution of the colonies, and to their subordinate relation to Great-Britain, now openly avow their revolt, hostility and rebellion. They have raised troops, and are collecting a naval force; they have seized the public revenue, and assumed to themselves legislative, executive and judicial powers, which they already exercise in the most arbitrary manner, over the persons and property of their fellow-subjects…

"On our part, though it was declared in your last session that a rebellion existed within the province of the Massachusetts Bay, yet even that province we wished rather to reclaim than to subdue. The resolutions of Parliament breathed a spirit of moderation and forbearance; conciliatory propositions accompanied the measures taken to enforce authority; and the coercive acts were adapted to cases of criminal combinations amongst subjects not then in arms. I have acted with the same temper; anxious to prevent, if it had been possible, the effusion of the blood of my subjects; and the calamities which are inseparable from a state of war… to be a subject of Great Britain, with all its consequences, is to be the freest member of any civil society in the known world.

"The rebellious war now levied is become more general, and is manifestly carried on for the purpose of establishing an independent empire. I need not dwell upon the fatal effects of the success of such a plan. The object is too important, the spirit of the British nation too high, the resources with which God hath blessed her too numerous, to give up so many colonies which she has planted with great industry, nursed with great tenderness, encouraged with many commercial advantages, and protected and defended at much expence of blood and treasure… It is now become the part of wisdom… to put a speedy end to these disorders by the most decisive exertions. For this purpose I have increased my naval establishment, and greatly augmented my land forces... I have also the satisfaction to inform you, that I have received the most friendly offers of foreign assistance... When the unhappy and deluded multitude, against whom this force will be directed, shall become sensible of their error, I shall be ready to receive the misled with tenderness and mercy!”