

---Which Song? "Illinois Loyalty" or Hail to the Orange"? Sangamon County, Ill., (Springfield) asked the change from "Illinois Loyalty" to "Hail to The Orange". "The latter is preferred because it is better adapted to group singing and is capable of such lovely harmonies", said the Sangamon County Alums, in an editorial in "The Daily Illini", unfortunately not dated.

ILLINOIS LOYALTY. Words and Music by T.H. Guild.

We're loyal to you, Illinois,
We're Orange and Blue, Illinois,
We'll back you to stand
'Gainst the best in the land,
For we know you have sand,
Illinois,
Rah, Rah.

So crack out that ball, (So smash that blockade)
Illinois.

We're backing you all, (Go crashing ahead)
Illinois.

Our Team is our fame defender,
On boys, for we expect a victory
From you, Illinois,

Che-he, Che-ha, Che-ha-ha-ha
Che-he, Che-ha, Che-ha-ha-ha
Illinois, Illinois, Illinois.

Fling our that dear old flag of Orange and Blue,
Lead on your sons and daughters, fighting for you.
Like men of old, on giants,
Placing reliance,
Shouting defiance,
Oskey wow-wow.

Amid the broad green fields that nourish our land
For honest Labor and for Learning we stand,
And unto thee we pledge our heart and hand,
Dear Alma Mater, Illinois.

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Second Verse
(Home coming Verse)

We're loyal to you, Illinois.
To the Orange and Blue, Illinois,
Your banner in hand,
Comes a right royal band,
From the ends of the land,
Illinois,
Rah, Rah.
Tho' restless we roam,
Illinois
Your campus is home,
Illinois.
Your arms are outspread to greet us
Shouting, your thousands meet us,
Welcome to old,
Illinois.
Che-he, che-ha, Che-ha-ha-ha
Che-he, che-ha,
Che-ha-ha-ha
Illinois, Illinois, Illinois.
Fling out that dear old flag of Orange and Blue,
We come, your sons and daughters, homing to you.
Your ivied walls before us,
Elm arches o'er us,
Wild ring your chorus,
Os-key-wow-wow,
To win you world wide fame in many a land,
For honest Labor and for Learning we stand,
And homeward turn with loyal heart and hand,
Dear Alma Mater, Illinois.

However, the second verse, designed for Homecoming, was never used, to any great extent on campus. Few old-timers can recall this verse being sung. Emphasis was laid upon the first verse, which, after all, was "Loyalty" to most of us.
