

# I AM AN ABOLITIONIST

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Words adapted from *The Anti-Slavery Harp*

Intro: C/G Em (repeat)  
C/G D/A E

E  
I am an Abolitionist!

A2  
I glory in the name:

am  
Though now by Slavery's minions hiss'd

E  
And covered o'er with shame,

E  
It is a spell of light and power—

A2  
The watchword of the free:—

am  
Who spurns it in the trial-hour,

E  
A craven soul is he!

A2 E  
We'll lay the monster low, my friends

A2 E  
We'll lay the monster low

A2 E  
With God we'll crush the Slaver's sins

A2 am E  
We'll lay the monster low [last line x2]

I am an Abolitionist!  
Then urge me not to pause;  
For joyfully do I enlist  
In FREEDOM'S sacred cause:  
A nobler strife the world ne'er saw,  
Th'enslaved to disenthral;  
I am a soldier for the war,  
Whatever may befall!

[Chorus]

[Hey Yeahs] C/G D/A E

I am an Abolitionist!  
Oppression's deadly foe;  
In God's great strength will I resist,  
And lay the monster low;  
In God's great name do I demand,  
To all be freedom given,  
That peace and joy may fill the land,  
And songs go up to heaven!

[Chorus]

[Hey Yeahs] C/G D/A E

I am an Abolitionist!  
No threats shall awe my soul,  
No perils cause me to desist,  
No bribes my nets control;  
In freedom will I live and die,  
In sunshine and in shade,  
And raise my voice for liberty,  
Of nought on earth afraid

[Chorus]