Level I: Description

1. What was the date this song was first printed?

2. According to the song, who had “supreme power”?

Level II: Interpretation

1. What does the title mean, “A Taxing We Will Go”?

2. Why do you think the author wrote this song?

Level III: Analysis

1. What is the mood of this song? How can you tell?

2. If you were having a problem like this author, how would you want to express it?
Transcript of lyrics:

One single thing untaxed at home old England could not show.

For money we abroad did roam and thought to tax the new.

And a taxing we will go, we'll go, we'll go.

And a taxing we will go.

The power supreme of Parliament our purpose did assist,
And taxing laws abroad were sent, which the rebels do resist.

And a taxing we will go, we'll go, we'll go.

And a taxing we will go.

Shall we not make the rascals bend to Britain’s supreme power?
The sword shall we not to them tend, and leaden balls a shower?

And a taxing we will go, we'll go, we'll go.

And a taxing we will go.

We'll force and fraud in one unite to bring them to our hands,
Then lay a tax on the sun’s light and a king’s tax on their lands.

And a taxing we will go, we'll go, we'll go.

And a taxing we will go.

Glossary:
tend – point

to bring them to our hands- to make them submit