

Southeast School Song

The melody of our school song is not unique to Southeast. However, the words were specifically written for the Castle and her students.



Photo taken from the Swope Memorial in Swope Park, looking west towards the park entrance with the Castle tower “far above the distant landscape.”

Southeast Ode

*Far above the distant landscape
Stands our Southeast High
With its tower and walls of beauty
Reaching toward the sky.*

(Chorus)

*Dear old Southeast, how we love thee!
We will e'er be true
To our colors high above thee--
Scarlet and royal blue.*

*Symbol of our aspirations
Thou wilt ever be,
Guiding us through life to victory
Thou shalt keep us free.*

(Chorus)

*Dear old Southeast, how we love thee!
We will e'er be true
To our colors high above thee--*

*Scarlet and royal blue.
Knights and maidens lay before thee
Flowers of praise to crown
All thy works of dear devotion
Honor and renown.
(Chorus)
Dear old Southeast, how we love thee!
We will e'er be true
To our colors high above thee--
Scarlet and royal blue.*

The Words

The Knight's Handbook gives the words to the Southeast Ode written by Franklin S. Lamar. There is a Mr. Lamar pictured as a science and math teacher in the 1940 Crusader. In later years, he is identified as F. S. Lamar. It is understood that Mr. Lamar used the "Annie Lisle" melody and wrote the words to our Southeast school song.

The Melody

(From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)

"**Annie Lisle**" is the name of an 1857 ballad by Boston, Massachusetts, songwriter H. S. Thompson first published by Moulton & Clark of Newburyport, Massachusetts, and later by Oliver Ditson & Co. It is about the death of a young maiden, by what some have speculated to be tuberculosis, although the lyric does not explicitly mention tuberculosis or "consumption" as it was called then. The song might have slipped into obscurity had the tune not been adopted by countless colleges, universities, and high schools worldwide as their respective alma mater songs. Both MU and KU have school songs set to the same melody.