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Angels bringing peace are nigh:
Ladies, some one be my Mother,
Be my Mother 'till I die.

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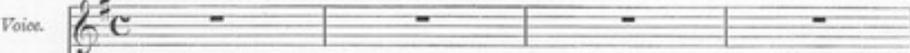
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1. La - dies, some one be my mother; Then 'twill seem that I am home;
 2. Long before I was a soldier, Long before I fought and bled,

p *cres.*

rall.

I'll im - ag - ine I'm a brother, Hear - ing each fa - mil - iar tone;
 In our cot - tage all the dear ones Thus would gath - er round my bed.

p *cres.* *rall.*

a tempo.

But I want a mother near me, With that heaven in her eye : . . .
 Do not treat me as a stran - ger; Let me feel a brother's tie : . . .

a tempo. *cres.*

rall.

La - dies, some one be my mother, Be my mother till I die.
 One of you I want as mother, Be my mother till I die.

p *rall.*

CHORUS.

AIL. Now I feel my wound is mor - tal, Soon I'll breathe my parting sigh,
 ALTO. Now I feel my wound is mor - tal, Soon I'll breathe my parting sigh,
 TENOR. Now I feel my wound is mor - tal, Soon I'll breathe my parting sigh,
 BASS. Now I feel my wound is mor - tal, Soon I'll breathe my parting sigh,
 PIANO. *mf* *p*

La - dies, some one be my mo-ther, Be my mo-ther till I die.
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Chorus of Second Verse.
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