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Little Falls, N.Y.

Bear this gently to my Mother.

SONG & CHORUS

*Bear this gently to my Mother,
Tell her that it came from me;
Tis the little lock she cherished,
And I trust it now with thee.
Bear it to her comrades kindly,
For an angel seem I'd be;
You shall share my latest blessing...
You were always kind to me.*

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Song and Chorus.

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With Expression.

The first system of the piano accompaniment consists of two staves. The treble staff begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic marking and features a melodic line with a slur over the first two measures. The bass staff provides a steady accompaniment with eighth-note patterns. The system concludes with a *pp* (pianissimo) dynamic marking.

The second system continues the piano accompaniment. It features a *ritard.* (ritardando) marking in the treble staff, indicating a gradual deceleration of the tempo. The accompaniment continues with consistent eighth-note patterns in both staves.

The first system of the vocal melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are: "Bear this gently to my moth-er," Tell her that it came from me;". The melody is in a simple, lyrical style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

The second system of the vocal melody continues the lyrics: "'Tis the lit-tle lock she cher-ish'd, And I trust it now with thee.". The melody maintains its gentle, lyrical character.

ritard.
 Bear it to her, comrade, kind - ly, For an angel soon I'll be;
col. voce.

You shall share my latest bless - ing - You were al - ways kind to me.

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If you see the maid I cherish
 Tell her that I fought and fell;
 That my love shall never perish.
 Tho' I now must say "farewell!"
 Tell her we shall meet in heaven,
 Where there is no care or pain;
 Tho' on earth our hearts must sever,
 We must meet yes meet again. *Chorus.*

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"Bear this gently to my mother,"
 Kiss her dear old wrinkled brow,
 Kiss my sister and my brother,
 Say "he is an angel now!"
 Kiss the little maid I cherish,
 Dry her tears and soothe her hair;
 Tell her soon to come and meet me
 In you starry heavens there. *Chorus.*

CHORUS.

ritard.

Air. *Bear this gently to my moth-er, 'Tis the boon I crave of thee—*

Allo. *Bear this gently to my moth-er, 'Tis the boon I crave of thee—*

Tenor. *Bear this gently to my moth-er, 'Tis the boon I crave of thee—*

Bass. *Bear this gently to my moth-er, 'Tis the boon I crave of thee—*

Plano. *colla voce.*

ritard.

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ritard.

colla voce.