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Andante moderato.

Piano.

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In a lit - tle coun - try vil - lage as the sun rose bright and clear, A
In the lit - tle coun - try vil - lage that dear moth - er old and gray, Is

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sol - dier boy was bid - ding fare - well to moth - er dear. His
wait - ing for her sol - dier boy so ma-ny miles a - way. But

coun-try's flag had called him to de - fend its lib - er - ty, And face the storm of bat - tle o'er the
on the far off bat - tle-field the pale moon slow-ly rose, And looked up - on him deep in death's re-

sea. Just out - side the cot - tage door there stood the long brown line.
pose. He had died a he - ro in the thick - est of the fight.

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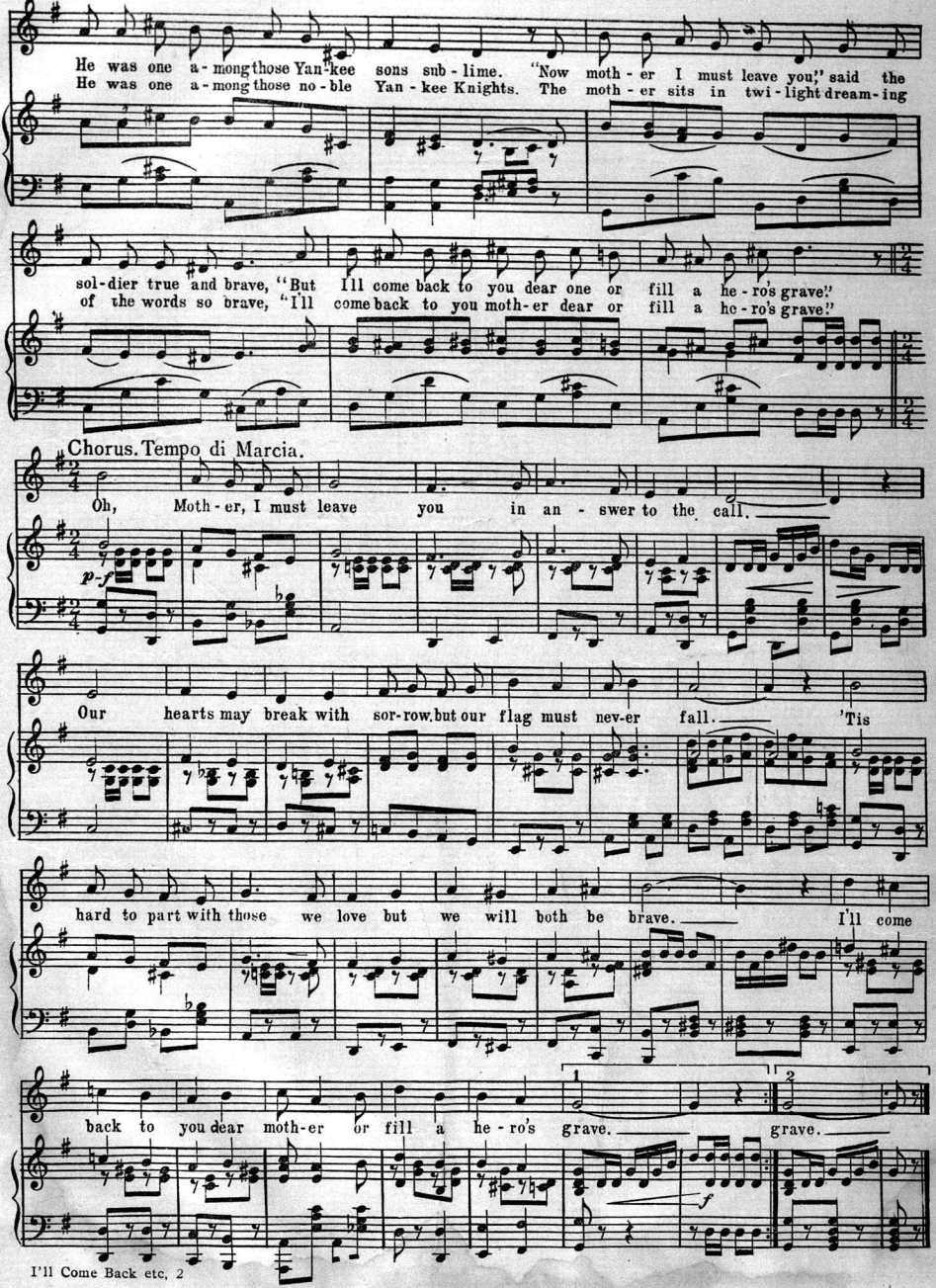
He was one a-mong those Yan-kee sons sub-lime. "Now moth-er I must leave you," said the
He was one a-mong those no-ble Yan-kee Knights. The moth-er sits in twi-light dream-ing
sol-dier true and brave, "But I'll come back to you dear one or fill a he-ro's grave."
of the words so brave, "I'll come back to you moth-er dear or fill a he-ro's grave."
Chorus. Tempo di Marcia.
Oh, Moth-er, I must leave you in an-swer to the call.
p-f
Our hearts may break with sor-row but our flag must nev-er fall. 'Tis
hard to part with those we love but we will both be brave. I'll come
back to you dear moth-er or fill a he-ro's grave. grave.
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