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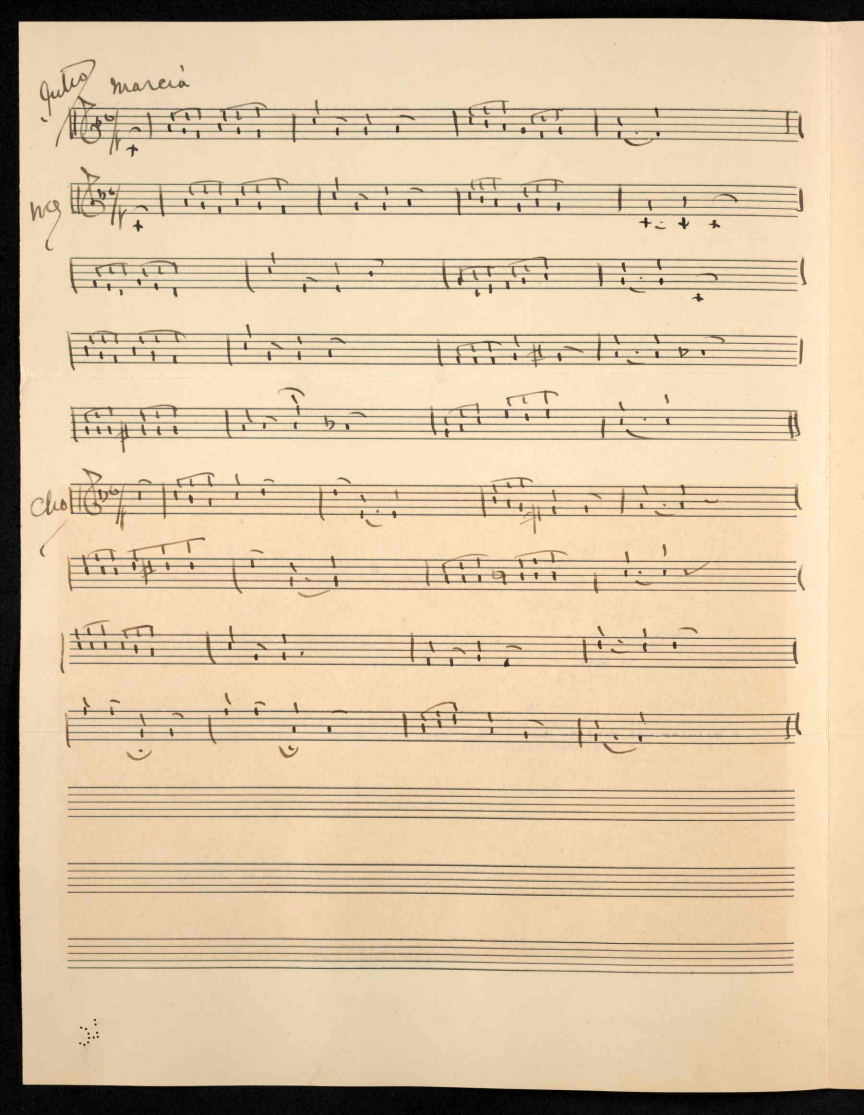

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When our soldier boys sailed away to France
  No courage nor valor did lack;
They laughed and they cheered when they left the dock,
  Yet knew that some wouldn't come back;
But when they had all heard their country's call,
  They'd answered it valiantly;
Stood ready to give up their lives--their all--
  In the cause of liberty.

2

A Blue Star was placed in the Service Flag
  That passers by would surely know;
A soldier had gone to the colors bright,
  And that he had been glad to go.
But oh when the news it came flashing back,
  That told of his fighting deeds, bold;
That he had made the supreme sacrifice--
  When the Blue Star turned to Gold.

CHORUS.

And now that the war is ended--now, when the fighting is done-
Now, when the foe has been vanquished; now, when the victory is won-
Now, when the transports are steaming home on their backward track;
The saddest thought of all is this! "The boys cannot All come back!"

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