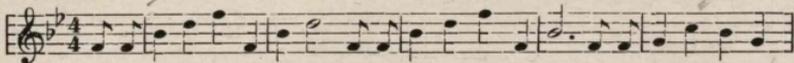


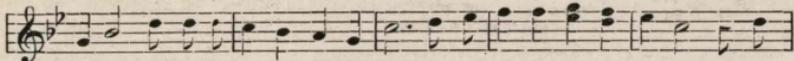
The Last Stand of the Lost Battalion.

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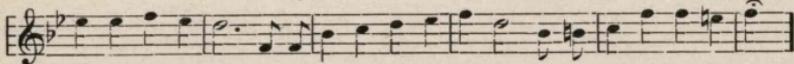
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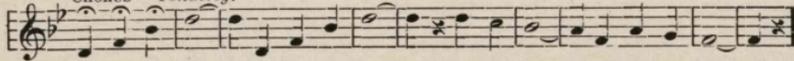
1. We are waiting, dearest mother, Till the long, dread night is past; By the fire-light I am
2. Tho' it may seem cruel, mother, Thus to drive you to despair, As we've voted "no sur-
3. Some may deem our action folly, Thus to cast our lives a-way, But we're dy-ing for "Old
4. You may never fond-ly kiss me, As you did in days of yore, But I know you'll ev-er



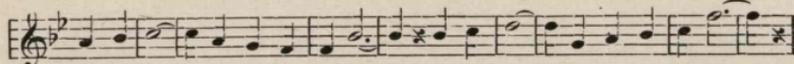
writing These lines, which may be my last; We are hemmed in and en - cir-cled By the
 render," To bid you hope, I do not dare; May it ease your pain and sor-row That the
 Glo-ry," And our dear old U. S. A.; By the name of "Lost Battalion" We'll be
 miss me, If on earth we meet no more; How you gazed at me in anguish, While your



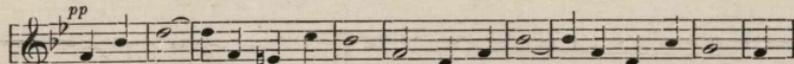
cru - el, cunning foe, Who delays but for the daybreak, To de - liv - er our death blow.
 sol-dier you did lend Did not falter when death beckoned, But was steadfast to the end.
 known to his-to - ry, And our ep-i-taph, "they perished, That the nations might be free."
 grief I tried to quell, And your tears like rain were falling, As you cried, "my boy, farewell."

CHORUS *Tenderly.*

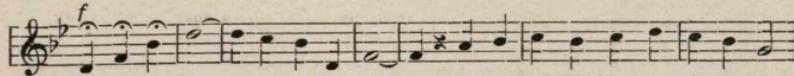
O how your sobs did pierce my heart, When the mo - ment came to part,



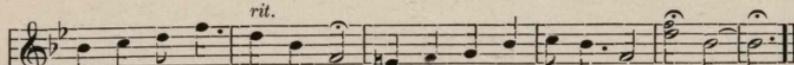
And I heard you soft-ly pray-ing, And 'twas these words you were say - ing:



"Dear God, let no ill be - tide him, Do thou guard and walk be - side him."



Then, lo! your face was free from pain, As you cried, "God has re-vealed to me,



From death's maelstrom o'er the sea, He will bring you safe-ly home a - gain."

NOTE - The letter upon which this song was founded was not received by the boy's mother, to rack her soul with grief and horror, for in the nick of time reinforcements arrived, the enemy was swept away as a hurricane sweeps the dust, and the heroic remnants of the "Lost Battalion" rescued. So the little mother's beautiful faith was justified, for God did indeed bring her boy from the very jaws of death home again in safety.

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