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# STAND BY THE FLAG

A BEAUTIFUL WAR SONG

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"That flag has been planted in two hemispheres, and there it remains the symbol of liberty and law, of peace and progress. Who will withdraw it from the people over whom it floats in protecting folds; who will haul it down?"

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**Andante**

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A Fa-ther who in bat-tle fought the fight long years a-go, A  
Now death has cast a shad-ow in that home not far a-way, A

Moth-er in a home not far a-way; Their on-ly son, a no-ble youth, to  
com-rade tells a sto-ry sad but true; The son had provid a he-ro though he's

man-hood scarce had grown, When to the war he longed to go one day. I  
numbered with the slain, No brav-er deed a sol-dier boy could do. With

want to fight for free-dom said this young and gal-lant youth, The  
arm and breast all shat-tered, quick, he seized the fall-en flag, Then

*accel.*

Moth-er kissed the boy with tear dimmed eye No  
stag-gered to the front to meet the foe He

*a tempo*

no-bler cause on earth, she said de-fend it, it is right, The  
plant-ed there the stars and stripes then sank up-on the field, And

Fa-ther blessed his son and made re-ply.  
as he died, these words he mur-mured low.

*rit.*

CHORUS

Slow

Stand by the flag of your coun-try my boy. Hon-or hu-man-i-ty's  
 Stand by the flag of your coun-try my boys. Hon-or hu-man-i-ty's

call Fight like a he-ro till God shall de-cide  
 call All fight like he-ros till God shall de-cide

*cresc. poco a poco f*

Though in the bat-tle you fall No flag, no coun-try so  
 Though in the bat-tle you fall No flag, no coun-try so

*cresc. - f rit. ff*

glo-rious and true Stand by the Red, White and Blue.  
 glo-rious and true Stand by the Red, White and Blue.

*rit.*

