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There's a hap - py time — com - ing, When the Boys come home. There's a glor - ious day — com - ing, When the Boys come home. We will

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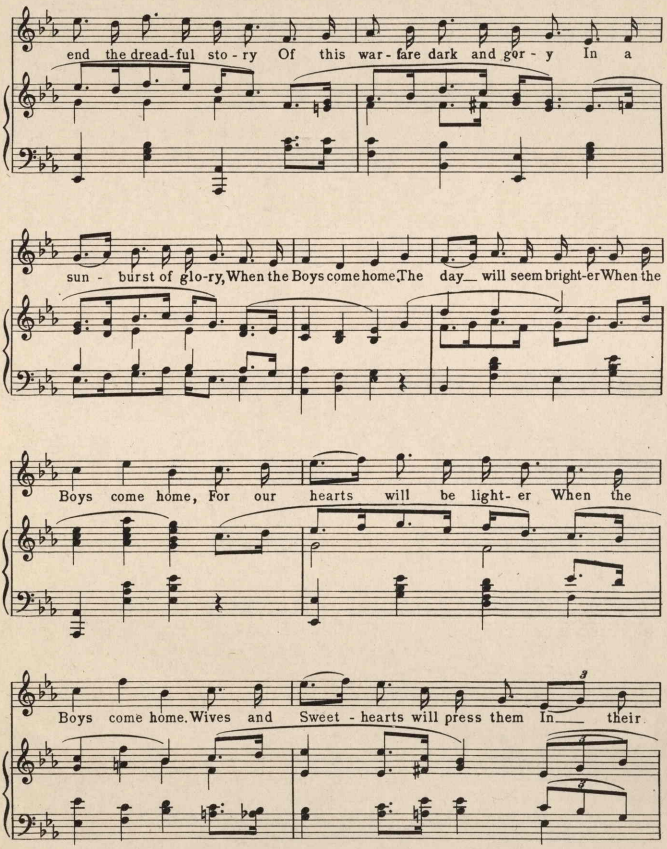
end the dread-ful sto - ry Of this war - fare dark and gor - y In a
sun - burst of glo-ry, When the Boys come home, The day will seem bright-er When the
Boys come home, For our hearts will be light - er When the
Boys come home. Wives and Sweet - hearts will press them In their

arms_ and ca-ress them, And pray God_ to_ bless them, When the

Boys come home.

The thinned ranks_ will be proud-est When the Boys come home, And their

cheer will ring the loud-est When the Boys come home. The full

ranks_ will be shat-tered, And the bright arms will be bat-tered, And the

bat - tle - stand - ards tat - tered, When the Boys come home. Their

bay - nets may be rus - ty, When the Boys come home, And their

un - i - forms_ dus - ty, When the Boys come home. But_

all shall see the trac-es Of bat-tle's roy-al grac-es, In the

brown and beard-ed fac-es, When the Boys come home.

Andante Larghetto

Our

love shall go to meet them, When the Boys come home To

a tempo

bless them and to greet them When the Boys come home; And the

fame of their en-deav-or Time_ and change will not dis-sev-er, From the

Na-tion's heart for-ev-er, When the Boys come home.

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