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BEYOND THE TOP

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FATHER

I HAD PLANNED THAT HE WOULD BE
AID AND COMFORT FOR US THREE;
SINCE, THE OTHERS IN THE CHURCHYARD 'NEATH THE ROSES PEACEFUL LIE,
BUT, HE SAID HE COULDN'T STAY
WITH THE WORLD IN SUCH A WAY;
SO, I SWALLOWED DOWN A CHOKE AND SAID GOOD-BYE :
SO, IT'S GEE-HAW MAUD AND JACK
THINGS MUST GO TILL HE COMES BACK ;
HE IS FIGHTING FOR OUR COUNTRY WE MUST HELP HIM WIN THE DAY ;
HE'S THE APPLE OF MY EYE
AND I KNOW HE'LL DO OR DIE
ON THE BATTLEFIELDS OF FRANCE SO FAR AWAY.

MOTHER

O, IT SEEMS BUT YESTERDAY
HE SO SWEETLY, SAFELY LAY
IN A PEACEFUL BABY SLUMBER ON MY YOUNG UNTRoubLED BREAST ;
BUT, I NOW MUST PAY THE PRICE
WITH A MOTHER'S SACRIFICE ;
SO, I OFFER HIM AND LEAVE TO GOD THE REST :
BUT, I KNOW WITHIN MY HEART
HE WILL NOBLY DO HIS PART
IN THE SIMPLE LINES OF DUTY OR IN THE HOTTEST FRAY ;
SO, I'LL WIPE AWAY MY TEARS
AND I'LL STIFLE ALL MY FEARS
FOR MY SOLDIER-BOY IN FRANCE SO FAR AWAY.

SWEETHEART

MY, O MY! YOU LOOK SO GRAND
AND HOW STRAIGHT AND FIRM YOU STAND ;
THERE'S A LOOK AND WAY ABOUT YOU THAT I NEVER SAW BEFORE ;
O, HOW CAN YOU CAN YOU GO
WHEN YOU KNOW I LOVE YOU SO ;
I'VE A FEELING I'LL NOT SEE YOU ANYMORE :
FIE, O FIE! THIS WILL NOT DO ;
NOW! I'M BRAVE AND STRONG LIKE YOU ;
FOR, OUR CAUSE AND COUNTRY NEEDS YOU AND I WOULD NOT HAVE YOU STAY ;
SO, A LONG, LONG LAST EMBRACE
TILL I MEET YOU FACE TO FACE
FROM THE BATTLEFIELDS OF FRANCE SO FAR AWAY.

[WORDS FOR THE TRIO (ALL) ON THE TITLE-PAGE]

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