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THE MESSAGE IN THE BOTTLE FROM THE SEA

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Respectfully dedicated to your mother and my mother

The Message in the Bottle From the Sea

Words and Music by
WILL E. SKIDMORE & CLYDE HOOPER

Slowly (pathetic)

mf *poco rall.*

A sail-or left the land of Lib-er-ty To go to war a-cross the might-y sea And

VAMP *p*

In fan-cy she re-calls his ba-by days His child-ish laugh-ter as he romps and plays He

as the ship was leav-ing A moth-er stood there griev-ing for the on-ly son left to her out of

begged to be a sail-or She knew he'd nev-er fail her ev-'ry inch a man the kind our moth-er's

three She was pray-ing in her heart to God a-bove To

raise At her ser-vice flag she gaz-es ten-der-ly And

save the on-ly one she had to love And her an-swer came at last After

adds an-oth-er Gold-Star mak-ing three Then a-gain she reads his note And the

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mar - y months had passed they found a Bot - tle cast up by the Sea.
cheer up words he wrote as God was call-ing him out on the Sea.

rit.

CHORUS

Slower (pathetic)

p-f

Good - bye Moth-er think of me I died for the "Land of the

Free" In the O-cean I will rest but I've done my lev - el best It's the

way God meant for things to be So good-bye Moth-er don't you sigh

We'll meet each oth-er bye and bye You are not the on - ly One who has

lost her on - ly Son Was the Mes-sage in the Bot - tle from the Sea.

colla voce (a lit.)

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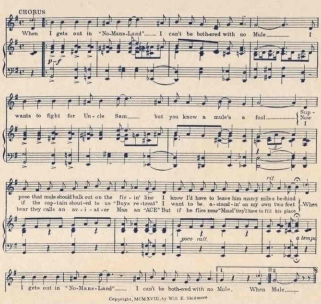

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