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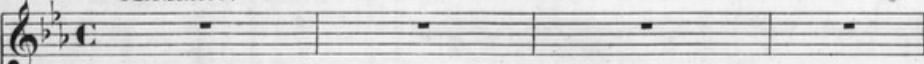
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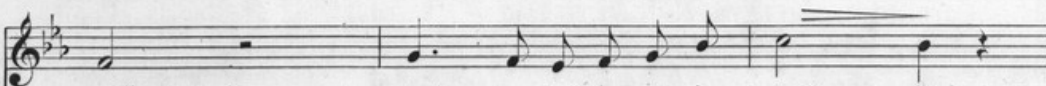
Andante.

VOICE. 

PIANO. 


 Com - rades there are dear ones gath - - - ered In our cot - tage home to
 There is one a - mong those loved ones, Dear - - er far then all the
 Tell my fa - ther, sis - ter, broth - - - er, That their ab - sent one was




 night, Think - - ing of the ab - sent sol - - - dier,
 rest; Tell her we shall meet in heav - - - en,
 slain. 'Neath the ban - ner of his coun - - - try,



And I see their fac - es bright. To those loved ones best and
In the mansions of the blest. Breathe it soft - ly to that
On the go - ry bat - tle plain. Breathe it soft - ly Oh, my

dear - est, Gen - - tly boys the sto - - ry tell,
Moth - er, Who has prayed for me through all,
Comrades, With a brother's kind - ly breath,

Breathe it soft - ly, Oh! so soft - - ly, How the soldier fought and fell.
That I fought as soldiers should fight, That I fell as he - roes fall.
That the flag in life a - - bove me, Was my winding sheet in death.

CHORUS.

SOPRANO. *pp* Breathe it softly! Breathe it softly! *cresc.* Breathe it softly to the loved ones near and

ALTO. *pp* Breathe it softly! Breathe it softly! *cresc.* Breathe it softly to the loved ones near and

1st & 2nd TENOR. *pp* Breathe it softly! Breathe it softly, Breathe it softly to the loved ones near and *cresc.*

BASS. *pp* Breathe it softly! Breathe it softly, Breathe it softly to the loved ones near and *cresc.*

PIANO. *pp* *cresc.*

dear. ——— *pp* Breathe it softly! Oh so softly! *cresc.* That a stranger cannot, cannot hear. *p*

dear, near and dear. *pp* Breathe it softly! Oh so softly! *cresc.* That a stranger cannot, cannot hear. *p*

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pp *cresc.* *p*