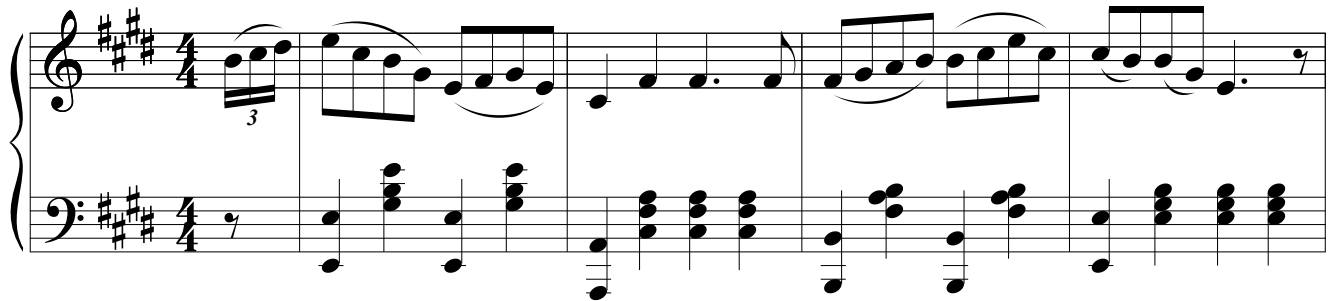


The Volunteers Wife

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Ballad

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1. I ___ knew by the light of his
2. Two fair haired ___ babes he ___
3. I ___ know he has gone to his
4. Per - haps when the ma - ple ___

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The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. It includes a repeat sign in the treble clef. The lyrics are written to the right of the staff. The bass clef accompaniment features chords and a steady eighth-note pattern. A chord symbol 'E' is written below the bass staff.

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deep dark eye, When he heard the roll ___ of the mus - t'ring drum, That he
left for me, Who ___ lisp his name at ___ e - ven ___ tide: The ___
coun - try's call, That his breast is bared to a high com - mand; But my
leaves turn red, And the gold - en glo - ries of the har - vest, come, I shall

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The third system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. It includes a repeat sign in the treble clef. The lyrics are written below the staff. The bass clef accompaniment features chords and a steady eighth-note pattern. Chord symbols 'E', 'A', and 'E' are written below the bass staff.

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nev - er would fold his arms, and sigh O - ver the e - vils that
 ver - y hour, when on his knee He used to fon - dle his
 heart will break I know if he fall In the bat - tle front, by a
 wake some morn - ing and hear his tread And give him a warm heart's

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E E A E

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were to come; I knew that the blood of a pa - tri - ot sire,
 pet and pride. A - las! they may nev - er a - gain be blest, With a
 trai - tor's hand; Yet I mur - mur not tho' my tear - wet eyes At -
 wel - come home. To kneel with him in fer - vent prayer,

18

B E E A E

21

Coursed thru his veins like a stream of fire, So I took his hand and
fa - ther's care in his old home rest; And he nev - er a - gain may
test the worth of the sac - ri - fice; 'Tis a wife's free gift, two
Thank - ing our God for his watch - ful care, In shield - ing his heart from the

21

E E B E

24

bade him go, But he nev - er dreamed that it grieved me so.
hear the tones, Or kiss the lips of his lit - tle ones.
lives in one, In the name of God and Wash - ing - ton.
re - bel band, Who hon - ored the flag of his cher - ished land.

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E A E/B B7 E

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