

Comrades, Touch the Elbow

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Piano introduction in 2/4 time, key of Bb. The piece starts with a forte (f) dynamic and a sforzando (sf) dynamic. The melody is in the right hand, and the bass line is in the left hand. The introduction consists of five measures.

Bb

Vocal line starting at measure 6. The melody is in the key of Bb and 2/4 time. The first five measures are marked with a repeat sign.

1. When bat - tle's mu - sic
2. For Home and Coun - try
3. Tho' man - y brave men
4. Tho' can - non ball may
5. Now show the stuff of

Piano accompaniment for the first five measures of the vocal line. The piano part consists of chords and a simple bass line.

Bb

Bb

F7
A

Bb

F

C7
G

F
A

Vocal line starting at measure 12. The melody continues in the key of Bb and 2/4 time.

greet - s our ear, Our guns are sight - ed on the foe; Then
Pa - tri - ots fire, Kin - dle our souls with fer - vid glow, And
bite the sod, And crim - son heart's blood free - ly flow;
plow the rank, And thru it cast a dead - ly glow;
which you're made, The gen - er - al sig - nal "March" Hal - lo!

Piano accompaniment for the next three measures of the vocal line. The piano part consists of chords and a simple bass line.

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B \flat Dm E \flat B \flat /F F7(omit5) F7 B \flat

nerve the arm and ban-ish fear, And Com-rades, touch the el-bow!
 South-ern trai-tors shall re-tire When North-men touch the el-bow
 Shout, as our spir-it soars a-bove: On Com-rades! touch the el-bow!
 Fill up the space the ball made blank, And Com-rades, touch the el-bow!
 Dou-ble the Quick-Step Third Bri-gade, Charge! Com-rades, touch the el-bow!

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B \flat Chorus B \flat B \flat B \flat /F F B \flat Dm

f Chorus
 Touch the el-bow now my boys, Com-rades, touch the el-bow! Nerve the arm and
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E \flat B \flat /F F F7(omit 3) F7 B \flat

ban - ish fear, And Com - rades, touch the el - bow!

ban - ish fear, And Com - rades, touch the el - bow!

sf *sf*

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