

# The Patriot Mother's Prayer

Chant

"Protect My Boy"

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Lento

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 2/2. The tempo is marked 'Lento'. The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains the first two lines of the prayer, and the second system contains the next two lines. The vocal part is written in a single line with lyrics underneath. The piano accompaniment consists of two staves (treble and bass clef). Chord symbols are provided for the piano part: F, F, C, F, C7 in the first system, and F, F, C, F/C, C7, C7(9), C, C7 in the second system. The lyrics are as follows:

Fa - ther of love, In - fi - nite God Su - prem - est Rul - er o - ver  
He is my pride, I've won - dered oft What off - 'ring I could bring to  
My na - tion's flag, Lib - er - ty's shrine, Vile trai - tor's hands have now de -  
But if, oh! God, spare me that woe; He ne'er should tell of vic - t'ry

all "Thou hear - est the young ra - ven's cry, And no - teth eve - ry spar - row's  
Thee; And when his eyes, with love dew's soft, Were raised in prayer for him — or —  
fled, For Free - dom's, take this gift of mine, I have naught else, oh, take — my —  
won, His cold form on the field lay low; I'll say, "Thy will, and mine, be —

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fall," I trust him to Thee! my heart's last joy; Pro - tect him, Fa - ther,  
me, I did not dream that war's al - loy, Could come to us, my  
child. Oh! Fa - ther, for - bid them to de - stroy, Our coun - try, but pro -  
done;" Then with those souls in end - less joy. Take him to Thee! my

F Dm F/C C F/A Bb

**Affretuoso**

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bless my boy! Bless my boy, oh! bless my boy! Pro - tect him, Fa - ther! bless my boy!  
dar - ling boy!  
tect my boy!  
an - gel boy!

C 7(omit 5) C 7 F F F° F C 7/F F Fm F C 7 Dm Bb F/C C 7 F