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# SO DID THE GENERAL TOO!

*Humorous Song*

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# SO DID THE GENERAL, TOO.

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In strict march time.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It begins with a piano introduction in G major, 2/4 time, marked 'In strict march time.' and 'f'. The piano part features a rhythmic accompaniment of eighth notes in the bass and a melody in the treble. The vocal line enters at measure 8 with the lyrics 'Now, the gal-lant Fea-ther-bed Brigade, they were a no-ble set, For they al-ways wore go-losh-es when the weather turn'd out wet; Then a'. The piano accompaniment includes triplets and dynamic markings such as 'f' and 'p'. The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment.

flan-nel chest - pro-tect-or, too, for ev-'ry man was made, And a

nice, new silk um-brel - la they would car - ry on pa-rade.

*ad lib.*

*colla voce.*

**CHORUS.** *a tempo.*

And so did the gener-al, too! And so did the gener-al, too! For he

said, said he, "I always a-gree With whatev-er the sol-diers do!"

*ad lib.*

*f colla voce.*

The first system of the musical score consists of three staves. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The middle and bottom staves are a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The music begins with a piano (*f*) dynamic, followed by a crescendo to a piano (*p*) dynamic, and then a final crescendo to a forte (*f*) dynamic. The piano part features a rhythmic accompaniment of eighth notes in the bass clef and chords in the treble clef. The vocal line in the middle staff includes a triplet of eighth notes and a dotted quarter note.

Then they were so sym-pa-thet-ic, they would

The second system continues the musical score. The vocal line in the middle staff has the lyrics "Then they were so sym-pa-thet-ic, they would". The piano accompaniment in the grand staff below features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the treble clef. The dynamic marking is piano (*p*).

al-ways shed a tear While the Gen-er-al would sing to them, "Oh!

The third system continues the musical score. The vocal line in the middle staff has the lyrics "al-ways shed a tear While the Gen-er-al would sing to them, 'Oh!". The piano accompaniment in the grand staff below features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the treble clef.

kiss me, moth-er dear!" And on chilly win-ter nights, I'm told, each

The fourth system continues the musical score. The vocal line in the middle staff has the lyrics "kiss me, moth-er dear!" And on chilly win-ter nights, I'm told, each". The piano accompaniment in the grand staff below features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the treble clef.

*ad lib.*

man went up to bed With a nice hot-wa-ter bot-tle, and a

CHORUS. *a tempo.*

night-cap for his head. And so did the gen-er-al, too! And

*colla voce.* *a tempo.*

*ad lib.*

so did the gener-al, too! For he said,said he, "I always a-gree With what-

*ad lib.* Last verse.

-ev-er the sol-diers do!" -ev-er the sol-diers do!"

*f colla voce.* *colla voce.* *sf*

Now, the gallant Featherbed Brigade, they were a noble set,  
For they always wore goloshes when the weather turned out wet;  
Then a flannel chest-protector, too, for ev'ry man was made,  
And a nice new silk umbrella they would carry on parade.

(CHORUS.) And so did the General, too!  
And so did the General, too!  
And he said, said he,  
"I always agree  
With whatever the soldiers do!"

Then they were so sympathetic, they would always shed a tear  
While the General would sing to them, "Oh! kiss me, mother dear."  
And on chilly winter nights, I'm told, each man went up to bed  
With a nice hot-water bottle, and a night-cap for his head.

(CHORUS.) And so did the General, too! &c.

They were very tender-hearted, for they always heaved a sigh  
When a pretty damsel, dark or fair, came lightly tripping by;  
And on Sunday for a promenade, they nearly always took  
Some attractive little parlourmaid, or else the buxom cook.

(CHORUS.) And so did the General, too! &c.

Now, one day a wicked war broke out, and gave these heroes pain,  
When at length they reached the battlefield, down came a show'r of rain;  
And they said, "If we start fighting now, we'll catch our death of cold!"  
So they simply tucked their trousers up, and back again they strolled.

(CHORUS.) And so did the General, too!" &c.

On arriving home they went at once to see our gracious Queen,  
And she said, "You naughty, naughty boys, wherever have you been?"  
The Victoria Cross they thought they'd get—their bosoms swelled with pride;  
But on finding Queen *Victoria cross*, they wept until they died!

(CHORUS.) And so did the General, too! &c.