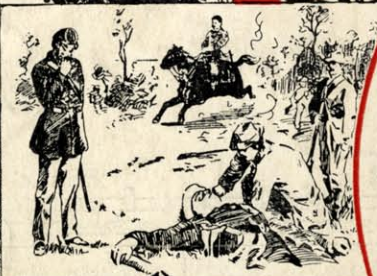


BREAK the NEWS to MOTHER



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Andante.



1. While the shot and shell were screaming up - on the bat - tle field; The
 2. From a - far a not - ed gen - eral had wit - nessed this brave deed. "Who

boys in blue were fight - ing their no - ble flag to shield; Came a
 saved our flag? speak up lads; 'twas no - ble, brave, in - deed!" There he

cry from their brave cap - tain, "Look, boys! our flag is down; Who'll
 lies, sir," said the cap - tain, "he's sink - ing ver - y fast;" Then

vol - un - teer to save it from dis - grace?" "I will," a young voice shout - ed, "I'll
 slow - ly turned a - way to hide a tear. The gen - eral in a mo - ment, knelt

bring it back, or die;" Then sprang in - to the thick-est of the fray; Saved the
down be-side the boy; Then gave a cry that touch'd all hearts that day. "It's my

flag but gave his young life; all for his coun - try's sake. They
son, my brave, young he - ro; I thought you safe at home." "For-

brought him back and soft - ly heard him say:
give me, fath - er. for I ran a - way."

CHORUS.

Very slow.

Just break the news to moth - er, She knows how dear I love her, And

tell her not to wait for me, For I'm not com - ing home; Just

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say there is no oth - er Can take the place of moth - er; Then

kiss her dear, sweet lips for me, And break the news to her."

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