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Andante.

1. While the shot and shell were screaming up on the battle field; The

2. From a far a noted general had witnessed this brave deed. "Who

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boys in blue were fighting; their noble flag to shield; Came a
saved our flag? speak up lads; 'twas noble, brave, indeed!

Came a cry from their brave captain, "Look, boys! our flag is down; Who'll
lies, sir," said the captain, "he's sinking very fast;" Then

volunteer to save it from disgrace?" "I will," a young voice shouted, "I'll
slowly turned away to hide a tear. The general in a moment, knelt

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I bring it back, or die; Then sprang into the thickest of the fray; Saved the
down beside 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 country's sake. They
son, my brave, young hero; I thought you safe at home." "For-

brought him back and softly heard him say:
give me, father. for I ran away."

Break the News to Mother.—4—3
CHORUS.

Very slow.

Just break the news to mother, She knows how dear I love her, And

tell her not to wait for me, For I'm not coming home; Just

say there is no other Can take the place of mother; Then

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

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