

SM 3695

When the Boys Come Home

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Oley Speaks

With martial spirit

Voice

The first system of the score features a piano accompaniment in the lower staves and a voice line in the upper staff. The piano part begins with a series of chords and includes several triplet figures. The voice line is mostly blank, indicating that the lyrics are to be sung over the piano accompaniment.

*one tone higher
in C major*

The second system of the score includes a voice line with the lyrics: "There's a hap-py time com-ing when the boys come home, There's a". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and includes a *mf* dynamic marking.

The third system of the score includes a voice line with the lyrics: "glo-rious day com-ing when the boys come home; We will end the dreadful sto-ry of the". The piano accompaniment continues with chords and includes a *mf* dynamic marking.

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bat - tle dark and gor - y In a sun - burst of glo - ry, When the

boys come home. The day will seem bright - er when the boys come home, And our

hearts will be lighter when the boys come home; Wives and sweet - hearts will press them in their

f *dolce*

arms and ca - ress them, And pray - God to bless them When the boys come

ff rit.

a tempo

home.

a tempo

f

mf

The thin ranks will be proudest when the boys come home, And our

mf

mp

cheer will ring the loud - est when the boys come home; The

full ranks will be shat-tered, and the bright arms will be bat-tered, And the

mp

bat - tle - stand - ards tat - tered, When the boys come home. Their

bayo - nets may be rust - y when the boys come home, And their

cresc. poco a poco

cresc. poco a poco

u - ni-forms be dust-y when the boys come home; But — all shall see the tra - ces of

bat-tle's roy-al gra-ces In the brown and bearded fa-ces When the boys come

ff rit.

ff rit.

a tempo *Poco méno mosso e teneramente*

home. *p*

Our love shall go to meet them when the

f *rall.* *pp tranquillo*

f *mp* *dim.*

boys come home, To bless them and to greet them when the

f *mp* *dim.*

p *poco cresc.*

boys come home, And the fame of their en-

mp *poco cresc.*

deav - or time and change shall not dis - sev - er From the

f sempre cresc. *ff*

na - tion's heart for - ev - er, from the na - tion's heart for -

f sempre cresc. *ff*

fff rit. *Maestoso*

ev - er,

fff rit. molto *ff*

ff largamente *molto rit.*

from the na - tion's heart for - ev - er, When the boys come

ff largamente *molto rit.*

Tempo I^o

home.

ff *accel.* *3* *3* *3* *fff* *rit.*

WHEN THE BOYS COME HOME

There's a happy time coming when the boys come home;
There's a glorious day coming when the boys come home;
We will end the dreadful story
Of the battle dark and gory
In a sunburst of glory,
When the boys come home.

The day will seem brighter when the boys come home,
And our hearts will be lighter when the boys come home;
Wives and sweethearts will press them
In their arms and caress them,
And pray God to bless them,
When the boys come home.

The thin ranks will be proudest when the boys come home,
And our cheer will ring the loudest when the boys come home;
The full ranks will be shattered,
And the bright arms will be battered,
And the battle-standards tattered,
When the boys come home.

Their bayonets may be rusty when the boys come home,
And their uniforms be dusty when the boys come home;
But all shall see the traces
Of the battle's royal graces
In the brown and bearded faces,
When the boys come home.

Our love shall go to meet them when the boys come home,
To bless them and to greet them when the boys come home;
And the fame of their endeavor
Time and change shall not dis sever
From the nation's heart for ever,
When the boys come home.

JOHN HAY.