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Break The News To Mother

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Andante

While the
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shot and shell were scream-ing up - on the bat - tle field; The boys in blue were fight-ing their
far a not - ed gen - eral had wit-nessed this brave deed. "Who saved our flag? speak up lads,'twas

no-ble flag to shield; — Came a cry from their brave cap-tain, "Look boys! our flag is down; — Who'll
no-ble, brave, in-deed!" — There he 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 boys; 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 brought him back and soft - ly heard him say: —
 son, my brave young he - ro; I thought you safe at home?" "For - give me, fa - ther, 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 say there is no oth - er Can

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take the place of moth - er; Then kiss her dear, sweet lips for me, And break the news to her."

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