Break The News To Mother

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Andante

While the shot and shell were screaming 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, it was noble flag to shield."

Came a cry from their brave cap - tain, "Look boys! our flag is down, Who'll noble, brave, in - deed?" There he lies, sir," said the cap - tain, "he's sink - ing ver - y fast." Then volunteer to save it from dis - grace?

"I will," a young voice shout - ed, "I'll slowly turned away to hide a tear."

The gen - eral in a mo - ment, knelt

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bring it back, or die;
Then sprung into the thickest of the fray,
Saved the
down beside the boy;
Then gave a cry that touched all hearts that day.
It's my

flag but gave his young life all for his country's sake. They brought him back and softly heard him say:
son, my brave young hero. I thought you safe at home? "For-give me, fa- ther, for I ran a-way."

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.'