

I'll Be a Soldier

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Moderato

The score is in 2/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (D major). It begins with a piano introduction marked *mf*. At measure 3, the tempo is marked *Moderato* and the dynamics change to *p*. A drum part is introduced at measure 3, consisting of a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a dotted quarter-note pattern in the left hand. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and moving lines in both hands.

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D G D D A7 D D

1. I'll be a sol-dier and march to the drum, And lie in my tent when the
2. I'll be a sol-dier and join in the fray, With black shin-ing belt and a
3. I'll be a sol-dier, "my coun - try's" the cry, I'll fly to de-fend her and
4. I'll be a sol-dier, and when we have won, I'll come back to thee with my

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A D G D D A7 D

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night sha - dows come; I'll be a sol - dier with knap - sack and gun, And
 jack - et of grey; I'll face up the bat - tle as bold as a hawk As
 con - quer or die; The land of my child - hood my love and my tears; The
 knap - sack and gun, I'll come with a true heart and kiss off each tear, And

D A7 D

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stand to my post 'till the din of bat - tle's done.
 gay as a lark and as stead - y as a rock.
 land of my birth and my ear - ly sun - ny years.
 lin - ger be - side thee for - ev - er Jen - ny dear.

D G D A7 D

17 CHORUS

Fare - well! my own lov'd Jen - ny dear, Still will I dream of thee where - ev - er I may stray;

dolce

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21 D G D D/A D/A A7 D

Fare - well! be-fore the com-ing year, I'll be a sol-dier far, far a-way.

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