

# For the Dear Old Flag I Die!

The last words of a brave little drummer boy who was fatally wounded at the battle of Gettysburg.

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*8<sup>va</sup>*

The piano introduction is in 2/4 time, marked *8<sup>va</sup>*. The right hand features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a steady accompaniment of chords and single notes.

F F B $\flat$  F

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"For the dear old Flag I die," Said the wound-ed drum-mer boy; "Mother  
Do not mourn, my moth - er dear, Ev - 'ry pang will soon be o'er; For I  
Fare-well moth - er, Death's cold hand Weighs up - on my spir - it now, And I

*(8<sup>va</sup>)*

The first system of the song features a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a rest for 8 measures, then enters with the lyrics. The piano accompaniment consists of chords in the right hand and single notes in the left hand. The key signature has one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 2/4.

F F F G7 C F

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press you lips to mine; O, they bring me peace and joy! 'Tis the last time on the  
hear the an - gel band Call - ing from their star - ry shore; Now I see their ban - ners  
feel his blight - ing breath Fan my pal - lid cheek and brow. Clo - ser! clo - ser! to your

The second system continues the vocal and piano accompaniment. The vocal line has a rest for 13 measures before entering with the lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and single notes. The key signature remains one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 2/4.

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18 F B $\flat$  F F Dm F Fdim7

earth I shall ev - er see your face, Moth - er, take me to your heart. Let me  
 wave In the light of per - fect day, Though 'tis hard to part with you, Yet I  
 heart, Let me feel that you are by, While my sight is grow - ing dim, For the

23 C C7 F Soprano F B $\flat$ /F F Dm C7

die in your em - brace.  
 would not wish to stay. For the dear old Flag I die, Moth-er, dry your weep-ing  
 dear old Flag I— die.

Alto

Tenor

Bass

For the dear old Flag I die, Moth-er, dry your weep-ing

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28 F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$  F C7 F

eye; For the hon-or of our land And the dear old flag I die.

8 eye, For the hon-or of our land And the dear old Flag I die.

*ad lib.*

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