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Respectfully dedicated to Sergeant Carney of the 54th. Mass.

# THE OLD FLAG NEVER TOUCHED THE GROUND

## PATRIOTIC MARCH SONG.

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Con spirito-

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It begins with a piano introduction marked 'Con spirito' and 'f' (forte). The introduction features a melody in the right hand with triplets and a bass line with chords and triplets. The first vocal line starts with the lyrics 'When the cry came - In the fiercest'. The piano accompaniment continues with a 'molto cresc.' (molto crescendo) section. The second vocal line includes the lyrics: '“Off to war!” of the fight, To the front we proud - ly bore Gleaming proud - ly in the light, Proudly bore In the light,'. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support for the vocal lines.

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OLD FLAG

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Dear Old Glo - ry! and we fol - lowed it a - midst the  
 At the front the Stars and Stripes were beck'ning us to

rat - tling of the ri - fles and the can - non's roar.  
 strike a man - ly blow for Free - dom, and for Right. Ah!

(Boom!)  
 (Strike!) *sf*

In the hail of shot and shell, Com - rades all a -  
 Dear old flag! we bow to thee, Em - blem of sweet

*Shot and shell,  
 Bow to thee,*

round us fell, But not once was lower'd in the dust, my boys, The  
 Lib - er - ty! May you ev - er wave as you do now, a sign Of

*'Round us fell,  
 Lib - er - ty!*

CHORUS

dear old flag we love so well. The  
 peace and pow'r o'er land and sea. The

*Ta ta rump pa pump pa!*

old flag nev-er touch'd the ground, boys, The old flag nev-er touch'd the

*1st. time mp 2d. ff*

ground;..... Though shot and shell fell all a - round, boys, The

*"John Brown's bo - dy lies a"*

dear old Flag was nev-er downed..... The old flag never touch'd the

*Hur - rah! Hurrah!*

ground, boys, Far to the front 'twas ev - er

found; ..... She's been in ma-ny a fix Since

"Wish I was in Dix-ie land!"

sev-en-teen seven-ty six, But the old flag has nev - er touched the

ground. The ground

Repeat *ff*