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KENNETH J. ELLIS

He has answered "call to quarters,"  
To hero's rest with bravest men,  
Just as brave and just as noble,  
Tho' not praised by tongue or pen.

He has left these earthly barracks,  
And the fight of life is o'er;  
All his struggles here are ended,  
We shall see his face no more.

Worthy comrade, always jolly,  
Cheerful, friendly, loved by all,  
He is sleeping where good soldiers  
Rest to wait the rising call.

"Taps" has sounded, he has heard it,  
May his rest be long and sweet,  
"Reveille," we know, will find him  
Where we all expect to meet.

Yes, we'll miss his friendly handshake,  
And his pleasant sunlit smile,  
But we know, tho' taken from us,  
He has made his life worth while.

So farewell, brave absent comrade,  
On your way to other parts,  
Take with you this earnest message,  
From the depths of all our hearts.

We would make our lives as worthy,  
Just as noble, just as true,  
As the one you gave in service,  
To the old Red, White and Blue.

—*John A. Usher.*