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A MOTHER'S PLEA FOR PEACE

I DIDN'T RAISE MY BOY TO BE A SOLDIER

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mil - lion moth - ers' hearts must break For the
vic - tor - y can bring her back All she

ones who died in vain.
cared to call her own.

marcato

Head bowed down in sor - row In her lone - ly years, I
Let each moth - er an - swer In the years to be, Re -

heard a moth - er mur - mur thro' her tears:
mem - ber that my boy be - longs to me!

CHORUS

"I did - n't raise my boy to be a sol - - dier, I

The first system of the chorus features a vocal line in G major and 2/4 time. The lyrics are "I did - n't raise my boy to be a sol - - dier, I". The piano accompaniment includes a dynamic marking of *p-f* and consists of chords and moving lines in both hands.

brought him up to be my pride and joy, _____ Who

The second system continues the vocal line with the lyrics "brought him up to be my pride and joy, _____ Who". The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support.

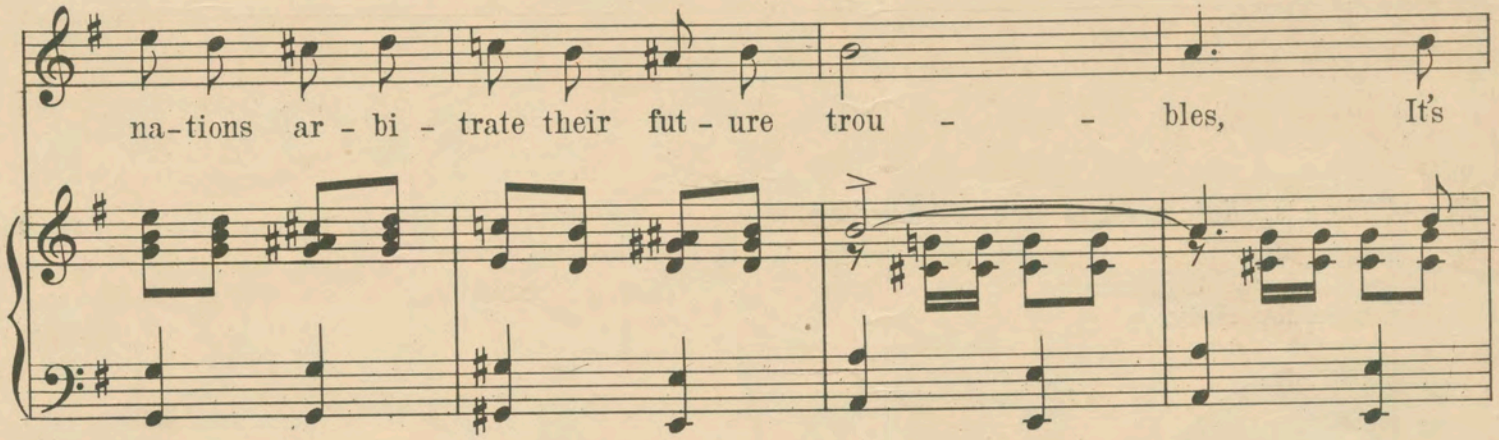
dares to place a mus - ket on his shoul - - der, To

The third system continues the vocal line with the lyrics "dares to place a mus - ket on his shoul - - der, To". The piano accompaniment continues with similar harmonic support.

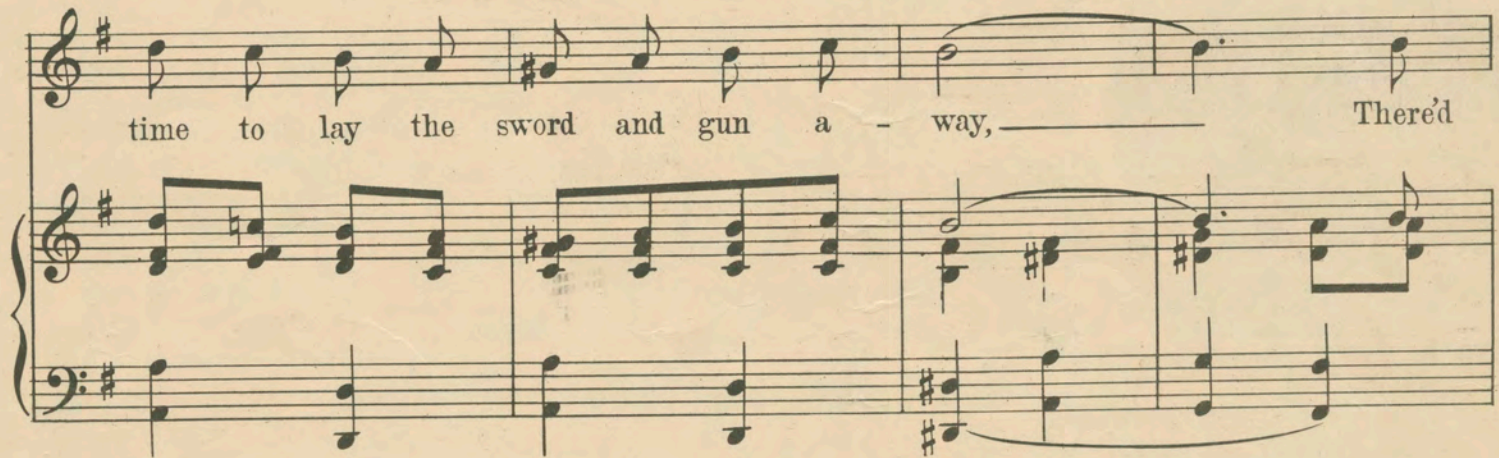
shoot some oth - er moth - er's dar - ling boy? _____ Let

The fourth system concludes the vocal line with the lyrics "shoot some oth - er moth - er's dar - ling boy? _____ Let". The piano accompaniment concludes with a final chord.

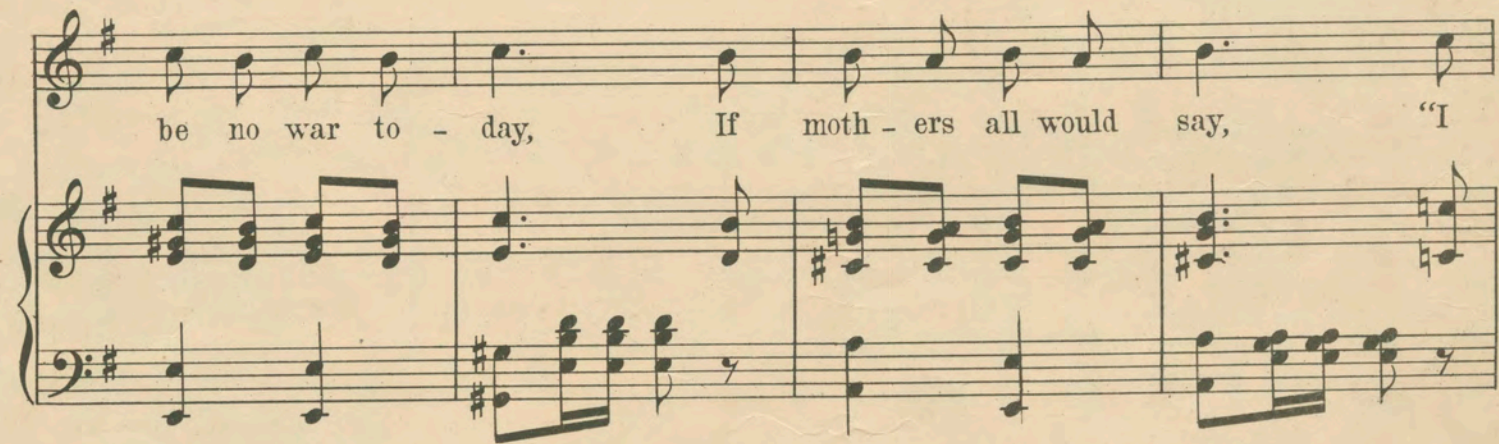
na-tions ar - bi - trate their fut - ure trou - - bles, It's



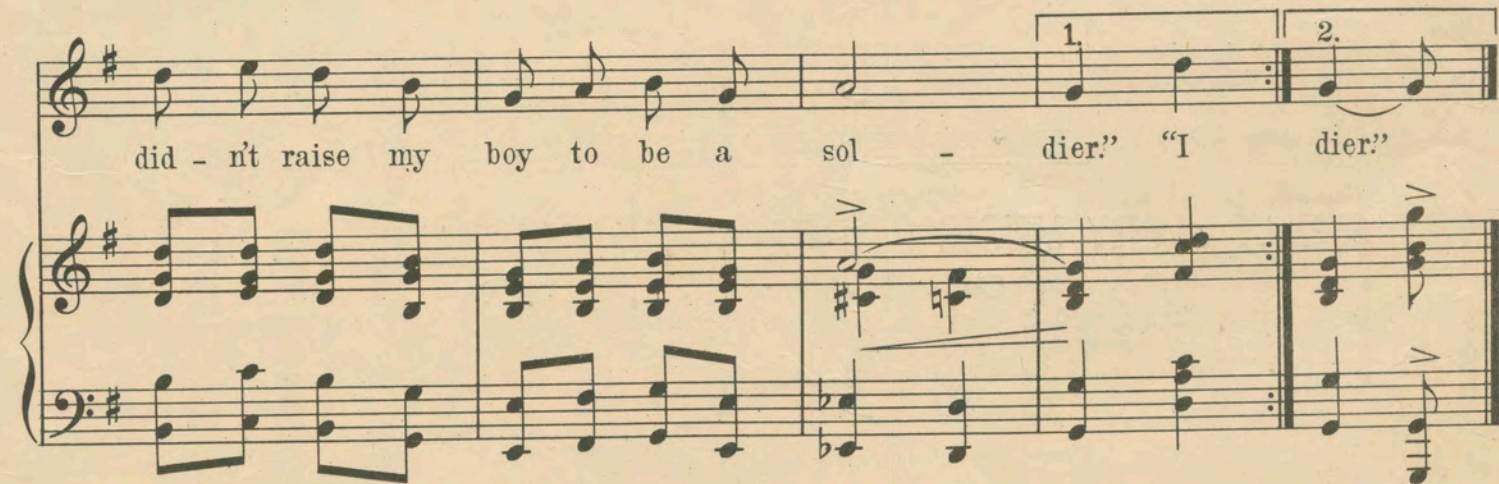
time to lay the sword and gun a - way, There'd



be no war to - day, If moth - ers all would say, "I



did - n't raise my boy to be a sol - dier." "I dier?"



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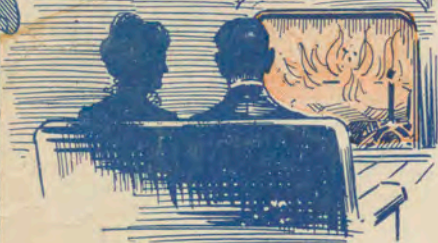
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There's a lit-tle spark of love still burn-ing, And yearning down in my heart for you, There's a long-ing there for your re-tur-n-ing, want you! I dol- So come, come to my heart a-gain,

CHORUS

On the shores of It-al-y, there my sweet-heart waits for me, In my dreams I al-ways hear, How she say "Ba-by, come back to me!" And I'll take a ship some day, Then I'll



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