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AND
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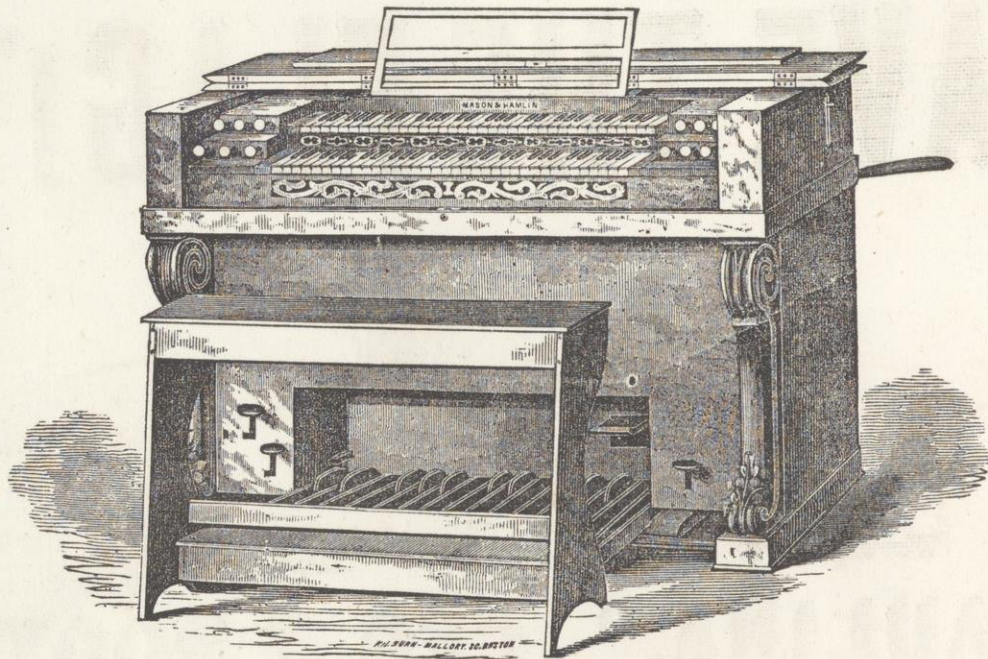
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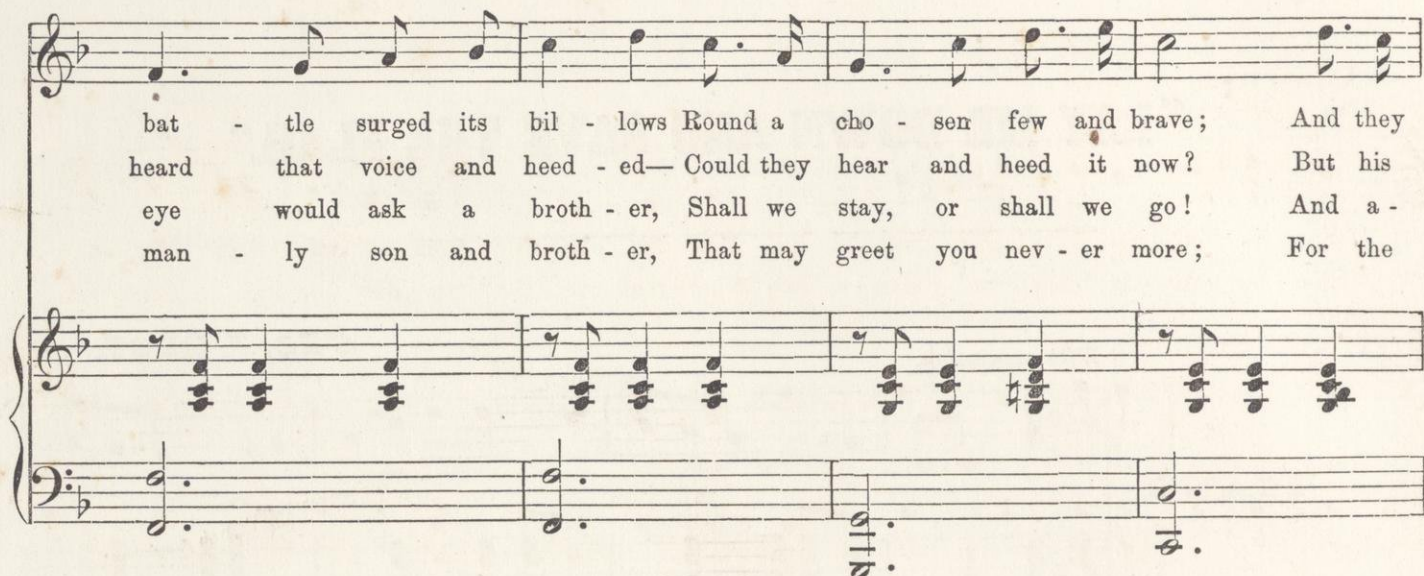
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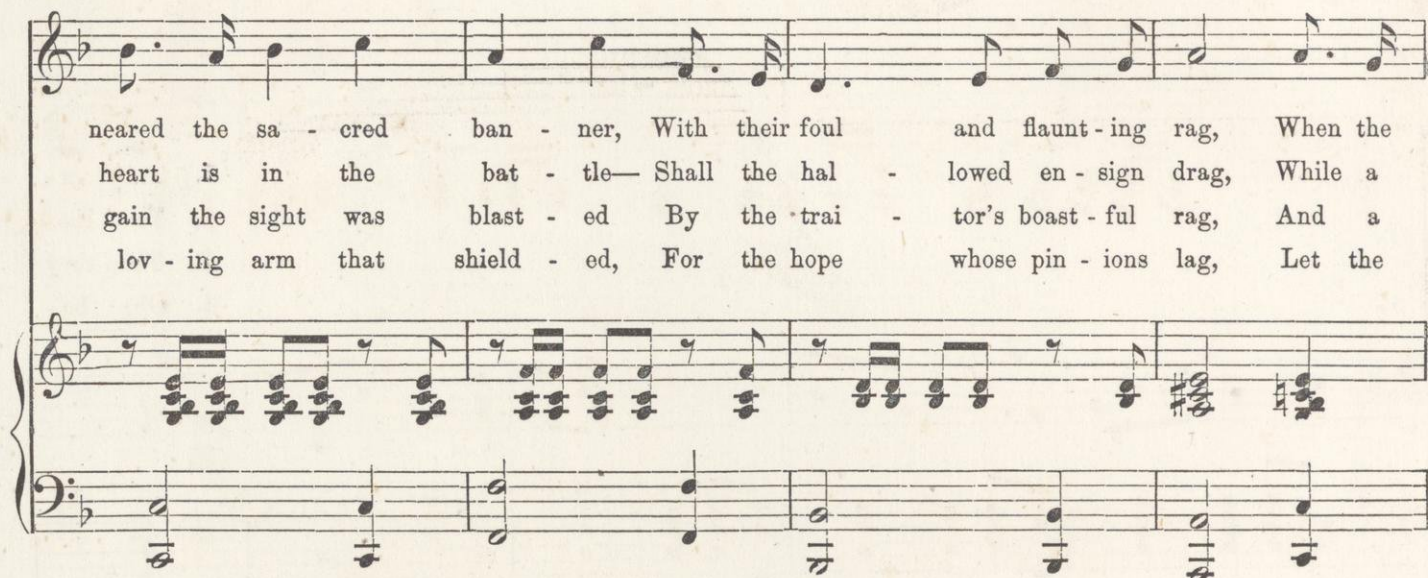


1. They a -
2. To the
3. Then they
4. Oh, be -

rose, whose name was Le - gion, As an o - ver - whelm - ing wave, And the
Si - roc of Se - ces - sion, They had bared the fear - less brow— They had
looked at one an - oth - er In the speech - less - ness of woe, As each
lov - ed, ye who mur - - mur For the dear ones gone be - fore, For the



bat - tle surged its bil - lows Round a cho - sen few and brave; And they
 heard that voice and heed - ed— Could they hear and heed it now? But his
 eye would ask a broth - er, Shall we stay, or shall we go! And a -
 man - ly son and broth - er, That may greet you nev - er more; For the



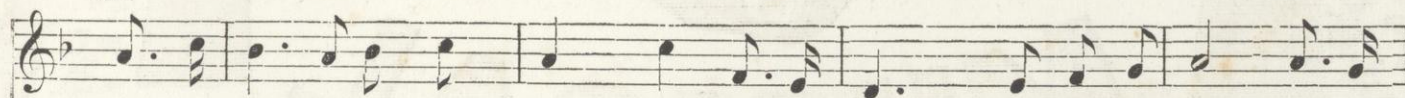
neared the sa - cred ban - ner, With their foul and flaunt - ing rag, When the
 heart is in the bat - tle— Shall the hal - lowed en - sign drag, While a
 gain the sight was blast - ed By the trai - tor's boast - ful rag, And a
 lov - ing arm that shield - ed, For the hope whose pin - ions lag, Let the



dy - ing he - ro shout - ed, "Lay me down and save the Flag."
 hand is left to res - cue? "Lay me down and save the Flag."
 gain the word fell stern - ly, "Lay me down and save the Flag."
 lips that quiv - er, fal - ter, "Lay me down and save the Flag."

Chorus.

Air.



So he fell, the brave com - man - der, Like the oak from mountain crag; But his

Last verse. Slum - ber calm - ly, brave com - man - der, Where thou art no pin - ions lag, Fame will

Alto.

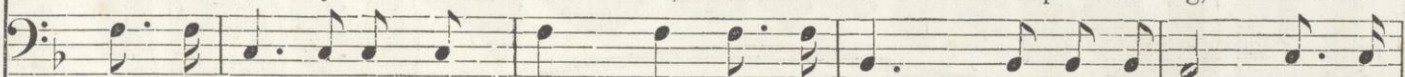


Tenor.



So he fell, the brave com - man - der, Like the oak from mountain crag; But his

Last verse. Slum - ber calm - ly, brave com man - der, Where thou art no pin - ions lag, Fame will



last words still are ring - ing, "Lay me down and save the Flag."
bear thy words for - ev - er, "Lay me down and save the Flag."



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bear thy words for - ev - er, "Lay me down and save the Flag."



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