



# **Dirge sung at the consecration of the Soldier's Cemetery at Gettysburg, Pa..**

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*To his Excellency*  
**ANDREW G. CURTIN**  
*Governor of Pennsylvania*

# WORGE

SUNG AT THE CONSECRATION

— OF THE —

## Soldiers' Cemetery at Gettysburg:

( NOV. 19<sup>TH</sup> 1863 )

Composed and arranged for Four Voices

— BY —

# ALFRED DELANEY.

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DIRGE  
SUNG AT THE CONSECRATION  
OF THE  
SOLDIER'S CEMETERY  
GETTYSBURG, Pa.

The words by JAS. G. PERCIVAL

Music by ALFRED DELANEY

**Grave**

**PIANO**

**TREBLE.**

O! it is great for our Country to die, whose ranks are con-tend-ing,

**ALTO.**

O! it is great for our Country to die, whose ranks are con-tend-ing,

**TENOR.**

O! it is great for our Country to die, whose ranks are con-tend-ing,

**BASS.**

O! it is great for our Country to die, whose ranks are con-tend-ing,

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## 2

O! it is sweet for our Country to die, how softly reposes  
 Warrior youth on his bier, wet by the tears of his love,  
 Wet by a mother's warm tears; they crown him with garlands of roses,  
 Weep, and then joyously turn, bright where he triumphs above.

## 3

Not in Elysian fields, by the still oblivious river,  
 Not in the Isles of the blest, over the blue rolling sea;  
 But on Olympian heights shall dwell the devoted forever;  
 There shall assemble the good, there the wise, valiant and free.

## 4

O! then how great for our Country to die, in the front rank to perish,  
 Firm with our breast to the foe, victory's shout in our ear;  
 Long they our statues shall crown, in songs our memory cherish;  
 We shall look forth from our heaven, pleased the sweet music to hear.