

Just Before The Battle, Mother

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Just be - fore the bat - tle,

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Moth - er, I am think - ing most of you,

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While up - on the fields we're march - ing, With the en - e - my in

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view. Com - rades brave are round me ly - ing,

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Filled with thoughts of home and God; For well they know that on the

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mor - row _____ Some will sleep be - neath the sod.

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Fare - well Moth - er, you may nev - er
nev - er, you may nev - er, Moth - er, Press me to your heart a -

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gain, But oh, you'll not for - get me, Moth - er,
Moth - er, you will not for - get me

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If I'm num - bered with the slain.

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Hark! I hear the bu - gles sound - ing,

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'Tis the sig-nal for the fight; Now may God pro-tect us,

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Moth - er, As He ev - er does the right.

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Hear the "Bat-tle Cry of Free - dom," How it swells up - on the

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air; Oh, yes, we'll ral-ly round the stand-ard,

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Or we'll per-ish no-bly there. Fare - well Moth-er, you may

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nev-er, you may nev-er, Moth-er Press me to your heart a - gain, But

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oh, you'll not for-get me, Moth-er, you will not for-get me If I'm num-bered with the

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slain. Fare - well Moth-er, you may nev-er, you may nev-er, Moth-er,

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Press me to your heart a - gain, But oh, you'll not for-get me,

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Moth-er, you will not for-get me If I'm num-bered with the slain.