

The Soldier's Tear

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on the hill he turned, To take a last fond look, Of the

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val - ley and the vil - lage church, And the cot - tage by the brook. He

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lis-tened to the sounds so fa - mil - iar to his ear, And the

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sol - dier leaned up on his sword And wiped a - way a tear.

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side the cot - tage porch, A girl had knelt in prayer. She

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held a - loft a snow - y scarf, Which flut - tered in the air; She

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breathed a sigh for him, a prayer he could not hear, But he

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paused to bless her as she knelt And wiped a - way a tear.

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turned and left the spot, Oh do not think him weak. For

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daunt - less was the sol - dier's heart, Though tears were on his cheek. Go

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watch the fore most ranks in dan - gers dark ca - reer, Be

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sure the hand most dar - ing there Has wiped a - way a tear.