

A MOTHER'S PLEA FOR PEACE

I DIDN'T RAISE MY BOY TO BE A SOLDIER



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I Didn't Raise My Boy To Be A Soldier

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Marziale

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It begins with a piano introduction in 2/4 time, marked 'Marziale' and 'ff' (fortissimo). The introduction consists of two staves of piano accompaniment. The first system of the piano introduction is followed by a vocal line starting with 'Ten What'. The second system of the piano introduction is followed by a vocal line starting with 'mil - lion sol - diers to the war have gone, Who may vic - tor - y can cheer a moth - er's heart, When she'. The third system of the piano introduction is followed by a vocal line starting with 'nev - er re - turn a - gain. Ten looks at her blight - ed home? What'. The piano accompaniment continues throughout the vocal lines, with dynamics ranging from 'ff' to 'mf' (mezzo-forte).

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mil - lion moth - ers' hearts must break For the
vie - 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

p-f

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

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

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

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 - nt raise my boy to be a sol - - dier." "I dier."

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