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Andante moderato

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It begins with a piano introduction in B-flat major, 4/4 time, marked 'Andante moderato'. The introduction features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The first system of the introduction ends with a double bar line. The second system begins with the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'A quaint old fash - ioned home - stead in a The vil - lage band re - hears - es in the coun - try town, With ev - 'ry thing as qui - et as a mouse, — Where Squi re's barn, Be cause they give a con - cert once a year, — Then Fa - ther, Moth - er, sis - ter, broth - er gath - er 'round, — And Moth - er takes the stock - ings in her lap to darn, — And'. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. The score is written in B-flat major, 4/4 time.

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ev - 'rything is glad-ness in the house. — There ain't no grand pi - an - o there to
croon a song that's pleas-ing to the ear. — The time to give the con-cert comes and

cheer them all, — But Moth - er leaves the fam - i - ly and
there's the band, — See Fa - ther with his fid - dle there a

wan-ders to the hall, She goes a bout her house work in a
sit - tin' in the stand, They play a tune but here's the big at -

qui - et sort of way, And ev - 'ry one is hap - py when they hear her play.
trac-tion in be-tween, When Moth - er plays a so - lo on her old ma-chine. When

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CHORUS *Piu mosso (faster)*

Moth - er plays a rag up - on the sew - ing ma chine, She

p-f

keeps her foot a go - in', All the while she's sew - in', She

makes the need - le dip and take a stich in be - tween,

And then the spool be-gins a twist - in' like a fool,

All the neigh - bors come to moth - er's sew - ing school, They gath - er

'round, — they gath - er round, — Folks from all the dif - ferent parts of

town, they gath - er 'round, Dad - dy starts a cut - tin' up with ba - by Jo - seph - ine, While

Moth - er plays a rag up - on the sewing ma - chine. When sewing ma - chine.

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D. C. *last*

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