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A PATRIOTIC MARCH BALLAD

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*Marcatissimo*

The piano introduction is in 2/4 time, marked *Marcatissimo*. It features a strong bass line with chords and a treble line with chords and some melodic fragments. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat).

*VAMP.*

Down the street a group of new re-cruits came march-ing, they had  
In the days of six - ty one our coun - try called us, and with

The first vocal line begins with a *VAMP.* (Vamp) section. The melody is in 2/4 time, with a key signature of two flats. The lyrics are: "Down the street a group of new re-cruits came march-ing, they had In the days of six - ty one our coun - try called us, and with".

pledged them-selves to Un - cle Sam that day, ev - 'ry 'one in town turned out to  
bouy - ant hearts we hast-end to o - bey, down this lit - tle street we marched to -

The second vocal line continues the melody. The lyrics are: "pledged them-selves to Un - cle Sam that day, ev - 'ry 'one in town turned out to bouy - ant hearts we hast-end to o - bey, down this lit - tle street we marched to -".

cheer them, They cried boys don't for-get the U. S. A; A vet - 'ran of the Civ - il war stood  
geth - er, The most of us have long since pass'd a - way, But thank God I am spard to see you

The third vocal line continues the melody. The lyrics are: "cheer them, geth - er, They cried boys don't for-get the U. S. A; A vet - 'ran of the Civ - il war stood But thank God I am spard to see you".

wait - ing and they halt-ed ere they pass'd his hum - ble door Then the old man raised his head and with  
leav - ing to wave the ban - ner Lin - coln loved to see, When the Yan - kee em - blem flies then the

The fourth vocal line concludes the melody. The lyrics are: "wait - ing and they halt-ed ere they pass'd his hum - ble door Then the old man raised his head and with leav - ing to wave the ban - ner Lin - coln loved to see, When the Yan - kee em - blem flies then the".

tremb-ling voice he said as he proud-ly wav'd on high the flag he bore,  
Yan-kee heart re-plies for A-mer-i-ca for love and lib-er-ty, 'Tis the

*CHORUS*

voice of your Na-tion that calls you, and I'm glad to see you read-y to o-bey What

mat-ter if death be-falls you, Who would not die to serve the Flag to-day, When Old

Un-cle Samcries Boys your Coun-try needs you, that's the time for you to show that you are there 'Tis an

hon-or lads to die, for the Flag that waves on high, O'er the proud-est and grand-est of all Na-tions.