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THE LETTER THAT NEVER CAME.

SONG
AND CHORUS.

Written for
and Sung by
Man Howard.

SONG 4.
GUITAR... (SONG) 3½.

WALTZ 4.
TRANSCRIPTION 5.

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THE LETTER THAT NEVER CAME.

Song and Chorus.

WORDS BY PAUL DRESSER.

MUSIC BY MAX STURM

Andante.

mf

dim.

1. A let - ter here for me? was the ques - tion that he asked Of the
 2. He had wait - ed ma - ny years, joy had min - gled with his tears, When the
 3. So one day up - on the shore he was found but life was o'er, His

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mail - man at the clos - ing of the day - He turned
 old post - mas - ter met him with a smile, How his
 poor soul it had gone out with the tide, In his

BE SURE AND GET
 "THE LETTER CAME AT LAST."
 SONG AND CHORUS.

Reply to "The Letter That Never Came."

sad-ly with a sigh, while a tear stood in his eye, Then he bow'd his head and slow-ly walked a -
 features they would brighten, and his sad heart seem to lighten, But his vain hopes lasted on - ly a lit - tle
 hand they found a note, with the last words that he wrote, "Should a let - ter come, please place it by my

rall.

way;
 while;
 side,"

Then he murmured, "Can it be, Will it nev - er come to me?" Had he
 When the post - mas - er would say, "There is noth - ing here to - day," He'd be -
 Sweet flow - ers twine a - round His tombstone o'er his mound, On

delicato.

waited all these ma - ny years in vain?" Yet from ear - ly morning's light, He would
 moan his fate, yet no one would he blame, Then he murmured, "sure - ly she Must
 which was scrawled his age, al - so his name, Ma - ny years have gone they say, Since his

rall.

watch till dark at night For that let-ter, but a-las! it nev-er came.....
 some-times think of me," Still he wondered why that mis-sive nev-er came.....
 spir-it passed a-way, But the let-ter that he longed for nev-er came.....

dim. *rall.*

CHORUS.

Was it from a gray-haired moth-er, A sis-ter or a broth-er, Had he

mf

wait-ed all the ma-ny years in vain! Yet from ear-ly morn-ing light, He would

mf

watch with spir-its light, But the let-ter that he longed for nev-er came.....

rall.

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