

To Mrs. Rebecca McCullough, Louisville, Ky.

# MY BOY ACROSS THE SEA.

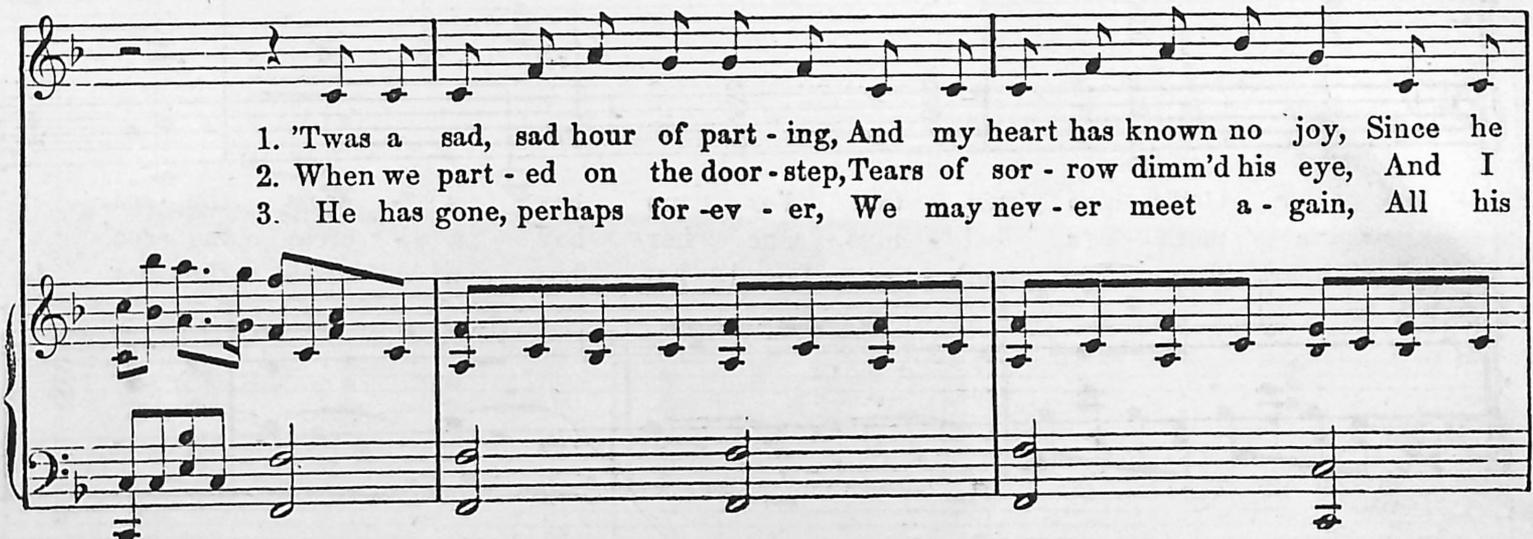
SONG and CHORUS.

Written and composed by WILL S. HAYS.

*Andante.*



The first system of the piano accompaniment is in 4/4 time, marked *Andante*. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The music is in a key with one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The melody in the treble staff is a simple, flowing line, while the bass staff provides a steady accompaniment with chords and single notes.



The second system features a vocal line on a single treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves (treble and bass clef). The vocal line contains three verses of lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues from the first system, providing harmonic support for the vocal melody.

1. 'Twas a sad, sad hour of part - ing, And my heart has known no joy, Since he  
2. When we part - ed on the door - step, Tears of sor - row dimm'd his eye, And I  
3. He has gone, perhaps for - ev - er, We may nev - er meet a - gain, All his

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1 kissed me on the door - step, Since I part - ed from my boy. He has  
 2 felt my heart was break - ing, When he sad - ly said "good - bye!" His  
 3 hopes of home and moth - er, May be bur - ied where he's lain. But I

1 gone a - mong the stran - gers, Ma - ny, ma - ny miles from me, And I  
 2 fa - ther, sis - ters, broth - ers, Shar'd their sor - rows too with me, For they  
 3 care not where he's sleep - ing, His last thoughts will sure - ly be That his

1 pray for God's pro - tec - tion For my boy a - cross the sea.  
 2 knew a moth - er's feel - ings For her boy a - cross the sea.  
 3 poor, heart - bro - ken moth - er Loved her boy a - cross the sea.

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**CHORUS.**

Soprano.

Oh! I know he dreams of loved ones, And he of - ten thinks of me, While I

Alto.

Oh! I know he dreams of loved ones, And he of - ten thinks of me, While I

Tenor.

Oh! I know he dreams of loved ones, And he of - ten thinks of me, While I

Bass.

Oh! I know he dreams of loved ones, And he of - ten thinks of me, While I

Accomp.

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weep tears of af - fec - tion For my boy a - cross the sea.

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