

# Was My Brother in the Battle?

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**Moderato**

Tell me, tell me wea-ry sol-dier From the rude and stir-ring wars, Was my  
Was my broth-er in the bat-tle when the no-ble High-land host Were so  
8 *va* - - - -, Was my broth-er in the bat-tle when the flag of Er - in came To the

broth - er in the bat - tle where you gained those no - ble scars? He was  
wrong - ful - ly out - num - bered on the Car - o - li - na coast? Did he  
7 res - cue of our ban - ner and pro - tec - tion of our fame, While the

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9 F B $\flat$ /F F

ev - er brave and val - iant, and I know he nev - er fled. Was his  
strug - gle for the Un - ion' 'mid the thun - der and the rain, Till he  
fleet from off the wa - ters poured out ter - ror and dis - may Till the

11 F B $\flat$  F C7 F

name a - mong the wound - ed or num - bered with the dead? Was my  
fell a - mong the brave on a bleak, Vir - gin - ia plain? Oh, I'm  
bold and err - ing foe fell like leaves on Au - tumn day? When the

13 C F

broth - er in the bal - tle when the tide of war ran high? You would  
sure that he was daunt - less and his cour - age ne'er would lag While con -  
bu - gle called to bat - tle and the can - non deep - ly roared, Oh! I

15 D7/F# C/G C/G G7 C Refrain

know him in a thou - sand by his dark and flash - ing eye. Tell me,  
tend - ing for the hon - or of our dear and cher - ished flag.  
wish I could have seen him draw his sharp and glit - t'ring sword.

17 F B $\flat$ /F F F B $\flat$  F B $\flat$ m

tell me wea - ry sol - dier, will he nev - er come a - gain. Did he suf - fer 'mid the wound - ed or

20 C7 F

die a - mong the slain?