

When the Boys Come Home

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Southern Version

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Andante non Troppo

The first system of the piano accompaniment consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 6/8. It begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic and contains a melodic line with eighth and quarter notes. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, featuring a bass line with eighth and quarter notes, often beamed in pairs.

The second system of the piano accompaniment continues from the first. It starts with a measure number '6' above the first staff. The upper staff continues the melodic line, and the lower staff continues the bass line. A forte (*f*) dynamic marking is placed above the fifth measure of the upper staff.

The third system includes a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp and a time signature of 6/8. It begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic and contains three numbered verses of lyrics. The piano accompaniment is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, featuring a steady accompaniment of eighth notes. Chord symbols G, C/G, G, and D are written above the bass staff. The system ends with a measure number '10' above the first staff.

1. The boys are com - ing home a - gain, This war will soon be o'er: _____ The
2. We'll have no more false hopes and fears, No more heart-rend - ing sighs. _____ The
3. How proud our na - tion then will stand! U - nit - ed ev - er more, _____ We'll

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South - ern land a - gain will stand As hap - py as of yore. Yes,
mes - sen - gers of peace will dry The wea - ry mourn - er's eyes. We'll
bid de - fi - ance to the foe That dare ap - proach our shore; We'll

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hand in hand, and arm in arm To - geth - er we will roam; Oh!
laugh and sing, well dance and play. Ah! wait un - til they come, And
hoist the star - ry cross a - gain, On free - dom's loft - y dome, And

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won't we have a hap - py time, When all the boys come home!
joy will crown the hap - py day When all the boys come home.
live in peace and hap - pi - ness When all the boys come home.

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f We'll hoist the star - ry cross a - gain, On free - dom's loft - y dome, — And

f We'll hoist the star - ry cross a - gain, On free - dom's loft - y dome, — And

f C C/G G D7(omit 5) G

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live in peace and hap - pi - ness, When all — the boys come home. —

live in peace and hap - pi - ness, When all — the boys come home. —

G D#°7 Em B7 C E7/B Am G/D D7 G/D D7 G