

391_A_Soldier

Written by Morris Alpine Shirts to his parents during WWII,
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V1. E G F E
A soldier though far away in some distant land
E G F E
Harbors in his mind memories of home
Am C
The squeak of the front gate
Bb Am
The touch of mother's gentle hand
Am C Bb Am
The trickle of the brook the hills he used to roam

C1. F E
Remember the time he came from school
F E
A black eye he couldn't explain?
F E
Yes, he'd heard of the golden rule
F
But when his toes were stepped on
E Am
It's meaning he didn't retain

V2. E G F E
He never did any thing great nor harm a soul
E G F E
Just a plain ordinary lad
Am C Bb Am
With a heart made of gold
Am C Bb Am
With shoulders and stride just like those of his Dad

C2. F E
Remember how he always wanted to fly
F E
And when his country was threatened to fall
F E
He turned his mind and eye toward the sky
F E Am
Answered to his call

V3. E G F E
Mother, Father, Friend, and Sweetheart he left behind
E G F E
He went away with a spirit of winning
Am C
He'd gone to fight so that peace and security
Bb Am
His children might find
Am C Bb Am
He left knowing that this fight was just beginning

C3. F E
It matters not the course the battle may follow
F E
He'll come through
F E
Thorough the sweat, the blood and tears
F E
From life's every depression and hollow
F E Am
He'll preserve our freedom for now through the years

V4. E G F E
He and thousands just like him
E G F E
From every city and town
Am C
He's a son of every mother
Bb Am
Who's catered to his every whim
Am C
And now he's off in another of life's
Bb Am
Busy chapters to hold the world's tyranny down

C4. F E
Some sunny day he'll return
F E
With his warm friendly smile
F E
We'll all be trilled with joy
F E Am
And happiness right to the core

V5. E G F E
Because "Jim is Home"
E G F E
He's been gone for a while
Am C
And because of his efforts
Bb Am
We can live, love, and learn
Am C
In peace and happiness
Bb Am
For now and ever more
G C
(For now and ever more)