

# JUST BEFORE THE BATTLE, MOTHER.

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**Tenderly**

PIANO  
FORTE

Pno.

1. Just be-fore the bat-tle, Moth-er, I am think-ing most of you;  
2. Oh, I long to see you, Moth-er; And the lov-ing ones at home;  
3. Hark! I hear the bu-gles sound ing, 'Tis the sig-nal for the fight,

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## JUST BEFORE THE BATTLE, MOTHER.

While up - on the field we're watch ing, With the en - e - my in view.  
 But, I'll nev - er leave our ban - ner, Till in hon - or I can come.  
 Now may God pro - tect us, Moth - er, As He ev - er does the right.

Com - rades brave are round me ly - ing, Fill'd with tho'ts of home and God; For  
 Tell the trai - tors, all a - round you, That their cru - el words, we know, In  
 \*Hear the "Bat - tle - Cry of Free - dom," How it swells up - on the air; Oh,

well they know, that on the mor - row, Some will sleep be - neath the sod.  
 ev' - ry bat - tle kill our sol - diers By the help they give the foe.  
 yes we'll ral - ly round the stand - ard, Or we'll per - ish no - bly there.

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\*In the Army of the Cumberland, the Soldiers sing the Battle-Cry when going into action, by order of the Commanding General.

JUST BEFORE THE BATTLE, MOTHER.

CHORUS

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Fare - well Moth-er, you may nev-er Press me to your heart a - gain; But

A  
Fare - well Moth-er, you may nev-er you may nev-er Moth-er Press me to your heart a - gain; But

T  
Fare - well Moth-er, you may nev-er you may nev-er Moth-er Press me to your heart a - gain; But

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S  
O, you'll not for-get me, Moth-er, If I'm num-ber'd with the slain. *repeat pp*

A  
O, you'll not for-get me, Moth-er, you will not for-get me, If I'm num-ber'd with the slain. *rit.*

T  
O, you'll not for-get me, Moth-er, you will not for-get me, If I'm num-ber'd with the slain. *rit.*

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