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Allegro Moderato

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Till ready

Once I heard a fa-ther ask his sol-dier son, —
“Ev-ry night you find some pri-vate in the park, —

“Why can’t you ad - vance like oth - er boys have done? You’ve been a priv - ate might - y
Spoon - ing on a bench where it is nice and dark — He’s just as hap - py as can

long, Won’t you tell me what is wrong?” And then the sol - dier lad, said “Lis - ten to me, Dad:”
be, with his girl - ie on his knee, But col - onel nev - er dares to mix in such af - fairs.”

CHORUS

p-f

“I’d rath - er be a pri - vate than a col - onel in the ar - my, A pri - vate has more
“I’d rath - er be a pri - vate than a col - onel in the ar - my, A col - onel out in

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fun, When his day's work is done, And when he goes on hikes, In ev-'ry town he
France, Can nev-er take a chance, For tho' his job is great, He dare not make a

strikes, Girls dis-cov-er him, and just smother him with things he likes, But girl-ies
date, All that he can do is just "Parley Voo" then hes-i-tate, But pri-vates

act so shy — when col-onel pass-es by, — He holds his head so high — with dig-ni-
meet the Ma — and then they treat the Pa — And then they "Oo-la-la" — with "Wee Mar-

ty, — So would you rath-er be a col-onel with an eagle on your shoul-der, or a
ie." So would you rath-er be a col-onel with an eagle on your shoul-der, or a

pri-vate with a chick-en on your knee?" knee?"
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