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Moderato

Piano

The piano introduction is written for a grand piano in 3/4 time, featuring a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It begins with a treble clef and a bass clef. The right hand starts with a series of eighth notes, while the left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. A dynamic marking of *f* (forte) is present in the first measure.

The first line of the song features a vocal melody in the treble clef and piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Three let - ters left a vil - lage bound for some - where o - ver there, Three Each word was like a soft ca - ress that soothed his a - ching heart, And". The piano part continues with a steady accompaniment, marked with a dynamic of *p* (piano).

The second line of the song continues the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "let - ters to a lone - some sol - dier lad — Each one a lov - ing sto - ry told, Each drove a - way the mis - 'ry and the pain — Then joy re - turned to take their place And". The piano part provides a consistent harmonic support.

The third line of the song concludes the vocal melody and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "one was worth its weight in gold Three mes - sa - ges that made his poor heart glad: — brought a vis - ion of each face As o'er and o'er he read their words a - gain: —". The piano part ends with a *rall.* (rallentando) marking.

Refrain *Slowly*

For the first was just old fash-ioned, And it breathed a moth-er's

pray'r While the next one start-ed "Darl-ing, God pro-

tect you o-ver there;" And the third was filled with kiss-es, Sent to

Dad-dy 'cross the foam, From his moth-er, wife and ba-by, Three

won-der-ful let-ters from home. For the home.

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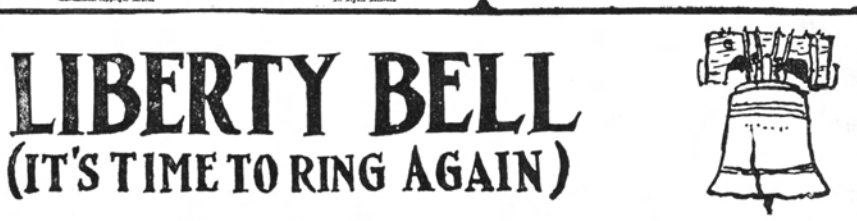
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