

The Musket or the Sword.

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Tempo di Marcia.

Piano introduction in G major, 2/4 time. The music is in treble and bass clefs. It features a series of chords and eighth-note patterns. The first measure has a forte (f) dynamic marking. The piece concludes with a triplet of eighth notes in the final measure.

VOICE.

1. A -
2. A -

The first vocal line is a single note, 'A', on a whole note. The piano accompaniment consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) with chords and eighth-note patterns. The piano part includes accents (^) over the first notes of several chords.

long a cit - y pave-ment while the crowd was surg - ing by, 'Two
mid the bat - tle's fier - cest strife, the pri - vate fought his way, And

The second vocal line contains two lines of lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and eighth-note patterns.

sol - diers hur-ried to-ward a man - sion grand, _____ The
when the Col - onel turned in fear and fled, _____ The

The third vocal line contains two lines of lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and eighth-note patterns.

call "to arms" had sound - ed and they each had come to try, And
brave com-mand - er said, "my lad 'twas you who saved the day," And

The fourth vocal line contains two lines of lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and eighth-note patterns.

gain a maid -- en's prom - ise of her hand. She
 you are now a Col - onel in his stead. So

was a sol - dier's daugh - ter, and her heart was beat - ing high, When
 when the war was o - ver and the sol - dier boys came back, The

she was asked to be a Col - onel's bride, The
 he - ro and the maid - en met once more, This

pri - vate too had plead - ed but she on - ly said "good bye," "When
 time she soft - ly whis - pered, "I have al - ways loved you, Jack," "Twas

you re - turn my heart shall then de - cide. One
 on - ly pride that sealed my lips be - fore."

L'istesso tempo.

CHORUS.

bore a com - mon musk - et, the oth - er wore a
sword. The pri - vate brave his young heart gave, Twas
all he could af - ford, The Col - onel, old and
wealth - y, had of - fered gold and fame, Which should she
choose, which one re - fuse, The musk - et or the sword. One
sword.

p-f

1

2

f

3

4

5

D.S.