

Brother, Tell Me of the Battle

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Con espressione

Piano introduction, measures 1-4. The music is in 3/4 time with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The right hand features a melodic line with dotted rhythms, while the left hand plays a steady accompaniment of eighth-note chords.

Piano introduction, measures 5-8. The melodic line continues with a rising eighth-note pattern, and the accompaniment remains consistent.

Vocal entry and piano accompaniment, measures 10-14. The vocal line begins with three verses of lyrics. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note chordal pattern. Chord symbols are provided below the piano part: A7, D, G, Em/G, D/A, A, and D/A.

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1. Broth - er, tell me of the bat - tle, How the sol - diers fought and fell; — Tell me
2. Broth - er, tell me of the bat - tle, For they said your life was o're. — They all
3. Broth - er, tell me of the bat - tle, I can bear to hear it now; — Lay your

A7 D G Em/G D/A A D/A

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of the wea - ry march - es, She who loves will lis - ten well. Broth - er,
told me you had fall - en, That I'd nev - er see you more. Oh, I've
head up - on my bos - om, Let me soothe your fe-vered brow. Tell me

A7 D Em7/G G A7 D

19

draw thee close be - side me, Lay your head up - on my breast, While you're
been so sad and lone - ly, Filled my breast has been with pain, Since they
are you bad - ly wound - ed? Did we win the dead - ly fight? Did the

Bm F#7 Bm A7/C# A7 D

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tell - ing of the bat - tle, Let your fe - vered fore - head rest.
said my dear - est broth - er, I should nev - er see a - gain.
vic - t'ry crown our ban - ner? Did you put the foe to flight?

Bm F#7 Bm E7(omit 5) A

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Broth - er tell me of the bat - tle, How the sol - diers fought and fell. Tell me

O tell me of the bat - tle, How the sol - diers fought and fell.

O tell me of the bat - tle, How the sol - diers fought and fell.

D/A A7 D G Em/G D/A A D/A

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of the wea - ry march - es, She who loves will lis - ten well. well. 1, 3, 5. 2, 4, 6. D.C.

Yes, of the wea - ry march - es, She who loves will lis - ten well. well.

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A7 D Em7/G G A7 D D