

The Soldier's Dream Song

**R. S. Taylor
(1838-1918)**

Robert Stewart Taylor (1838-1918) was born near Frankfort, Ohio, the son of Presbyterian minister and missionary Isaac Newton Taylor. Isaac was an educator and founded of Liber College near Portland, Indiana. Robert was educated privately by his father and at Liber College. He studied law and moved to Fort Wayne, Indiana, as a law clerk. He was admitted to the bar and became a lawyer. In his successful career, he was appointed the first prosecuting attorney of Allen County, appointed a judge of the court of common pleas, and was elected to the Indiana legislature. He declined nomination to run for Congress, but succeeded Benjamin Harrison on the Mississippi Commission; also serving on the Monetary Commission. He ran for U. S. Senate and was a charter member of the American Bar Association. He was known as one of the most expert patent attorneys in the nation. His most significant case established the right of all companies to manufacture electric lamps. He took great interest in literature and music. He studied music at a musical convention at Geneseo, New York, and his song "O, Wrap the Flag Around Me, Boys" was played by a band at Lincoln's funeral. He claimed to have written more songs than any other man in the country other than Stephen Foster. He died in Fort Wayne.

'Tis a calm and beauteous night, love,
As my soldier's couch I spread
Where the stars are smiling down, love,
Thro' the trees above my head.
But my thoughts are far away, love,
Far away with home and thee;
And I know within my heart love,
Thou art thinking now of me.

*Yes, my thoughts are far away, love,
Far away from home and thee;
And I know within my heart, love,
Thou art thinking now of me.*


In the deep blue vault of Heav'n, love,
Seated on its golden throne,
Well I know the glowing star, love,
That we marked and called our own,
And through all the lonely night, love,
Ever turn my thoughts to love;
As it whispers to my heart, love,
Thou art thinking still of me.


Ere the dawn of coming day, love,
I may hear war's rude alarms,
And the star of joy and hope, love,
Set amid the clash of arms!
But in camp or bloody field, love,
Whatsoe'er my fate may be,
Still I know, within my heart, love,
Thou wilt ever think of me.


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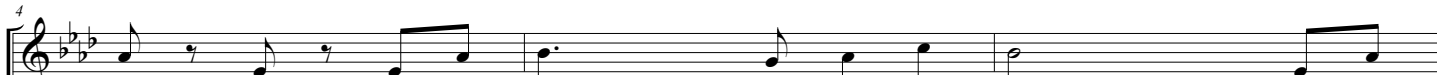
With delicacy and expression


S 
 'Tis a calm and beau - teous

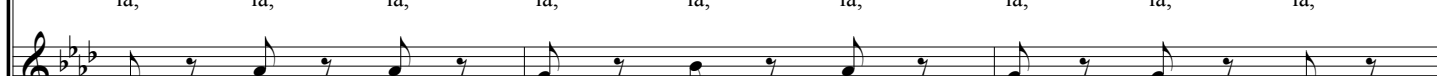
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 La, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,


T 
 La, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,


B 
 La, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,


S 
 night, love, As my sol - dier's couch I spread Where the


A 
 la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

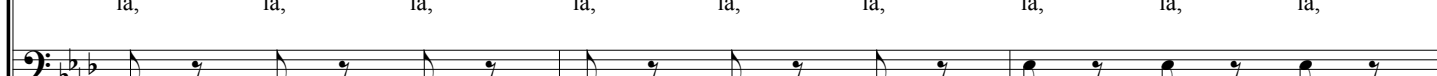
T 
 la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

B 
 la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

S 
 stars are smil - ing down, love, Thro' the trees a - bove my

A 
 la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

T 
 la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

B 
 la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

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S head. But my thoughts are far a - way, love, Far a -

A la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

T la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

B la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

13

S way with home and thee; And I know with - in my

A la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

T la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

B la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

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S heart love, Thou art think - ing now of me.

A la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.

T la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.

B la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.

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S Yes, my tho'ts are far a - way, love, Far a -
A Yes, my tho'ts are far a - way, love, Far a -
T Yes, my tho'ts are far a - way, love, Far a -
B Yes, my tho'ts are far a - way, love, Far a -

21
S way from home and thee; And I know with - in my
A way from home and thee; And I know with - in my
T way from home and thee; And I know with - in my
B way from home and thee; And I know with - in my

24
S heart, love, Thou art think - ing now of me.
A heart, love, Thou art think - ing now of me.
T heart, love, Thou art think - ing now of me.
B heart, love, Thou art think - ing now of me.

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S In the deep blue vault of

A La, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

T La, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

B La, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

30

S Heav'n, love, Seat - ed on its gold - en throne, Well I

A la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

T la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

B la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

33

S know the glow - ing star, love, That we mark'd and called our

A la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

T la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

B la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

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S own, And thro' all the lone - ly night, love, Ev - er

A la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

T la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

B la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

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S turn my thoughts to love; As it whis - pers to my

A la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

T la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

B la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

42

S heart, love, Thou art think - ing still of me.

A la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.

T la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.

B la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.

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S Yes, my tho'ts are far a - way, love, Far a -

A Yes, my tho'ts are far a - way, love, Far a -

T Yes, my tho'ts are far a - way, love, Far a -

B Yes, my tho'ts are far a - way, love, Far a -

The first system of the musical score consists of four staves labeled S (Soprano), A (Alto), T (Tenor), and B (Bass). Each staff contains a line of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Yes, my tho'ts are far a - way, love, Far a -". The music is written in a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a common time signature. The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some rests.

S way from home and thee; And I know with - in my

A way from home and thee; And I know with - in my

T way from home and thee; And I know with - in my

B way from home and thee; And I know with - in my

The second system of the musical score continues from the first. It is marked with a measure number of 47. The lyrics are: "way from home and thee; And I know with - in my". The musical notation follows the same pattern as the first system, with four staves for S, A, T, and B parts.

S heart, love, Thou art think - ing now of me.

A heart, love, Thou art think - ing now of me.

T heart, love, Thou art think - ing now of me.

B heart, love, Thou art think - ing now of me.

The third system of the musical score is marked with a measure number of 50. The lyrics are: "heart, love, Thou art think - ing now of me.". The musical notation continues with four staves for S, A, T, and B parts. The notes are mostly quarter notes, with some half notes and rests.

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S
Ere the dawn of com - ing

A
La, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

T
La, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

B
La, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

56

S
day, love, I may hear war's rude a - larms, And the

A
la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

T
la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

B
la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

59

S
star of joy and hope, love, Set a - mid the clash of

A
la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

T
la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

B
la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

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S arms! But in camp or blood - y field, love, What - so -

A la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

T la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

B la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

65

S e'er my fate may be, Still I know, with - in my

A la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

T la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

B la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la,

68

S heart, love, Thou wilt ev - er think of me.

A la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.

T la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.

B la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.

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S Yes, my tho'ts are far a - way, love, Far a -
A Yes, my tho'ts are far a - way, love, Far a -
T Yes, my tho'ts are far a - way, love, Far a -
B Yes, my tho'ts are far a - way, love, Far a -

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S way from home and thee; And I know with - in my
A way from home and thee; And I know with - in my
T way from home and thee; And I know with - in my
B way from home and thee; And I know with - in my

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S heart, love, Thou art think - ing now of me.
A heart, love, Thou art think - ing now of me.
T heart, love, Thou art think - ing now of me.
B heart, love, Thou art think - ing now of me.

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