This song was originally published in 1897 during the Spanish American War when it was virtually taken up and sung by the entire nation.

The Author and Composer Mr. Chas. K. Harris, who is also the Author of the world's famous song "After The Ball," since the outbreak of the present war, has been besieged by requests for copies of this one-time famous song, the human heart-appeal of which has kept it alive for these many years.

In response to this appeal he has issued this new edition. The song remains unchanged with the exception of the title page, and will undoubtedly take its place as an immortal classic with such songs as "Home Sweet Home" and "The Vacant Chair."
Break The News To Mother.

Words and Music by
CHAS. K. HARRIS.

Andante.

Piano.

While the shot and shell were screaming upon the battle field
From afar a noted General had witnessed this brave deed,
"Who boys in blue were fighting their noble flag to shield."
"There he saved our flag? speak up lads, 'Twas noble, brave indeed!"
"Came a cry from their brave Captain, "Look boys! our flag is down;"
"Wholl volunteer to save it from dis-loces, Sir" said the Captain, "He's sinking very fast;"
"Then slowly turned a-way to hide a grace?"
"I will," a young voice shouted, "I'll bring it back or die!"
"Then The General in a moment, knelt down beside the boy, Then
sprang into the thickest of the fray; Saved the flag but gave his young life All

gave a cry that touched all hearts that day; "It's my son, my brave young hero, I

for his country's sake, They brought him back and softly heard him say,

thought you safe at home;" "Forgive me, Father for I ran away."

Chorus.

"Just break the news to mother, She knows how dear I love her And

tell her not to wait for me For I'm not coming home; Just say there is no other Can

take the place of mother, Then kiss her dear, sweet lips for me And break the news to her!"