

The MINSTREL BOY

THE MINSTREL BOY TO THE WAR IS GONE
IN THE RANKS OF DEATH YOU WILL FIND HIM
HIS FATHER'S SWORD HE HAS GIRDED ON
AND HIS WILD HARP SLUNG BESIDE HIM
"LAND OF SONG!" SAID THE WARRIOR BARD
"THOUGH ALL THE WORLD BETRAY THEE
ONE SWORD AT LEAST THY RIGHTS SHALL GUARD
ONE FAITHFUL HARP SHALL PRAISE THEE!"

THE MINSTREL FELL, BUT THE FOEMAN'S CHAINS
COULD NOT BRING HIS PROUD SOUL UNDER
THE HARP HE LOVED NE'ER SPOKE AGAIN
FOR HE TORE ITS CHORDS ASUNDER
AND SAID "NO CHAINS SHALL SULLY THEE
THOU SOUL OF LOVE AND BRAVERY!
THY SONGS WERE MADE FOR THE PURE AND FREE
THEY SHALL NEVER SOUND IN SLAVERY!"