

BREAK THE NEWS TO MOTHER

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Melody

While the shot and shell were scream-ing up - on the bat-tle - field, The
From a - far a not - ed gen - 'ral had wit - nessed this brave deed. "Who

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boys in blue were fight-ing their no-ble flag to shield. Came a cry from their brave cap-tain, "Look,
saved the flag? Speak up lads. 'Twas no-ble, brave, in-deed." "There he lies, sir," said the cap-tain, "He's

boys, our flag is down. Who'll vol - un - teer to save it from dis -
sink - ing ve - ry fast; Then slow - ly turned a - way to save a

grace?" "I will!" a young voice shout-ed, "I'll bring it back or die!" Then
tear. The gen - 'ral, in a mo - ment knelt down be-side the boy, Then

sprang in-to the thick - est 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 he - ro! I

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for his coun-try's sake. They brought him back and soft-ly heard him say:
thought you safe at home." - "For - give me, fa - ther, for I ran a - way."

CHORUS

"Just break the news to moth - er, She knows how dear I love her, And

tell her not to wait for me, For I'm not com - ing home. Just

say there is no oth - er Can take the place of moth - er. Then

kiss her (dear, sweet lips for me And break the news to her."