

Manchester July 11<sup>th</sup> 1863.

1. Oh could I see once more my home  
what a pleasing sight to me  
Then could I say to all around  
I'm out of bondage free
2. O could I feel as I have felt  
and be as I have been  
I'd freely give all I possess  
to be that way again
3. O that to me the wings were given  
which bear the eagle to her nest  
Then would I mount the winds of heaven  
and flee for home and be at rest.

Camp at Manchester Tenn July 28/1863.

unbought mound for Maryland June 1863.  
by Major Justice J. 34. Worth of 30. principal for  
one dollar exhibit, ich von John Förster.  
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1. Oh, mother, where has father gone  
He took his gun one Day,  
So Long, have we been left alone  
Since father went away!  
You sat his gun behind the door,  
and picked his clothes up from the floor  
and kissed the Soldier Cap he wore  
and sadly looked at me  
How often did he use to write,  
and fill our hearts with fond delight,  
But mother why so sad to night?  
Oh, tell me? where is he?

2. My child, come here! kneel down with me,  
and raise your smiling eyes  
for mine are full of tears you see  
Look upward to the Skies  
ask him who rules the heaven, earth and Sea  
in mercy to look down on me  
and shed his blessings too, on thee—  
I humbly bow my head  
Our Country called him far away  
"He loved it!" oh! I heard him say  
Come, darling, let us kneel and pray  
"where is he mother? Death."

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