War Song Cycle
(The Boy’s Departure, Our Country’s Flag, and The Boy’s Return)

1. The Boy’s Departure

Verse:
The call to war has sounded o’er the nation,
Our noble flag has proudly been unfurled,
And boys from every rank and station
Will bravely fight the battle of the world.

Refrain:
We see them go! We see them go!
And our eyes are dimmed with tears.
Although they leave us they’ll return to greet us
With the flag of Victory!
We watch them go! We watch them go!
As they fight for freedom’s name
We will cheer them, oh, how we’ll bless them
When they put the foe to shame.

Verse:
Our soldier boys will help this world gain freedom,
And pride will reign in ev’ry loyal heart.
The world will have another Eden.
When stalwart Yankees will have done their parts.

Refrain
2. Our Country’s Flag

Verse:
Unfurl our flag boldly the pride of the nation.
Unloose the great army of heroic men.
March on! Bombs are crashing and bayonets flashing,
And by sheer force of power, we’ll help win the war.

Refrain:
Hurrah! For the Yankies [sic]!
The brave stalwart Yankies!
Who hazard their lives for our glorious flag.
They are made of fine mettle
And are filled with real fettle.
So look out “Mister Hun!” for your country and flag.

Verse:
Our Stars and Stripes flying whose emblem is freedom,
Are held aloft boldly by patriotic souls.
They are forging on nobly with courage undaunted,
For the day will be saved, then rise and behold.

Refrain
3. The Boy’s Return

Verse:
The Cruel war at last is over,
Our soldier boys will soon be home again.
When they leave France, they’ll be in clover,
Singing each one taking up the strain.

Refrain:
When they return we will all throw our hats in the air!
To celebrate the day of vict’ry!
And bravery shown for us “Over There,”
When they return, when they return,
In all their valor and pride,
We will meet them, and we will greet them
And keep them ever by our side.

Verse:
Each mother’s heart will cease its aching,
And happiness and joy will reign instead.
All sweet heart and wives will be waking
To comfort the boys who fought and bled.

Refrain