

Repeat pp.

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And, John, if God has willed it so
 We ne'er shall meet again,
 I'll do my best for the children John,
 In sorrow want or pain—
 On winter nights, I'll teach them, John,
 All that I learned at school!
 To love our country, keep her laws,
 Obey the Savior's rule.

Chorus.

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And now good bye to you, John,
 I cannot say Farewell,
 We'll hope and pray for the best, John,
 His goodness, none can tell:
 May His arm be round about you, John,
 To guard you night and day;
 Be our beloved country's shield,
 Till war shall pass away.

Chorus.