

# Who will Care for Mother Now?

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During one of our late battles, among many other noble fellows that fell, was a young man who had been the only support of an aged and sick mother for years. Hearing the surgeon tell those who were near him that he *could not live*, he placed his hand across his forehead, and with a trembling voice said, while burning tears ran down his fevered cheeks: *Who will care for mother now?*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It begins with a piano introduction in 2/4 time, featuring a melody in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The vocal melody enters with the lyrics "Why am I so weak and" and continues with "Who will comfort her in". The piano accompaniment includes a "Rall." section. The lyrics continue: "wea - - - ry, See how faint my heat - ed breath, sor - - - row? Who will dry the fall - ing tear,". The final line of lyrics is "All a - round to me seems dark - - - ness, Gen - - - tly smooth her wrink - led fore - - - head?". The score concludes with a final piano chord.

With expression.

Rall.

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