

Oh, Fallen Hero

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Duet

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The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is for the soprano voice, and the bottom staff is for the bassoon. The music is in common time, key signature of one sharp (F#). The vocal part includes lyrics for five stanzas. The bassoon part provides harmonic support with sustained notes and chords.

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1. Oh, fall - en he - ro, no - ble -
2. That dim _____ the eye _____ whose light - ning
3. When half _____ the stars _____ of hon - or -
4. When tim - id lips _____ pro - claim _____ their
5. Oh, fall - en he - ro, no - ble -

rall. D7 G a tempo G G

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friend, 'Tis not the friend I mourn in thee, Though
seared The traitor, through his banner's morn - ing sky,
fade That gemmed her ban dor of the brave, That
doubt, To chill the ar dor in thee, Though
friend, 'Tis not the friend, I mourn in thee,

D7 G D7 G/D D7 G

Leo. * Leo. * Leo. * Leo. *

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called, in mid ca reer to end Thy
lips, whose smile of sweet ness cheered Our
sees them tri umph, who be trayed, And
miss his daunt less bat tle shout, That
called in mid ca reer to end Thy

G G G D7

Leo. * Leo. * Leo. * Leo. *

18

shin - ing course _____ of vic - to - ry. I dare _____ not
 dark - est day _____ are cold and pale. No self - ish
 he, _____ their tru - est chief - tain, die! Now when _____ am -
 nev - er truce _____ to trea - son gave. When Free - dom's
 shin - ing course _____ of vic - to - ry. God! Thou _____ hast _____

G C cresc. G/D dim. D7 G

Reed.

23

grieve, for friend - ship's sake, To know thy sol - dier's
 sor - row fits thee now, And we who loved thee
 bi - tion rules the land, And pa - triots play the
 base a - pos - tles preach Dis - hon - or in the
 sheathed the sword he drew; We bow be - fore Thy

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knell is rung, That shame _____ or glo - ry ne'er _____ shall stand a - side While she, _____ our Moth - er, veils _____ her tra - tor's part, We ill _____ can spare _____ his o - pen sa - cred name Of Peace, _____ his grand, in - dig - nant dark de - cree: But give _____ the arms _____ that build _____ a -

G G G

Re. * Re. * Re.

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wake The sil - ver trum - pet of thy tongue.
brow, And in her grief for - gets her pride.
hand, We ill can spare his hon - est heart.
speech No more shall smite the cower - ing shame!
new Our Na - tion's tem - ple, strength from Thee!

D7 G C cresc. G/D D7 dim. G

Re. * Re. * Re.