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Andante.

p *ad lib.* *f*

1. Dead! dead! how swift the dire news flies, And
 2. Dead! dead! but not as warriors die, He

p *colla voce.*

p a tempo.

wakes a na - tion's ag - o - nies! From town to town, from mouth to
 fell not shout - ing bat - tle cry - Not in the o - pen light of

f *a tempo.*

mouth, Swift spreads the dread - ed message forth; In low - ly
 heav'n— Not in his home his soul was riven— Not on the

cot, in lord - ly hall, This grief en - shrouds and covers all. And on the
 plain where hand to hand The brave cross blade with foemen's brand, But where the

breast drops ev' - ry head, In sor - row for the no - ble dead.
 waves of plea - sure flow, Death aim'd his shaft thro' se - cret foe.

rit.

colla voce.

- CHORUS.

pp

Soprano. *Oh, weep for fall - en great - ness! weep! Let*

Alto.

Tenor. *Oh, weep for fall - en great - ness! weep! Let*

Bass.

PIANO. *pp*

tears ex - press our woes; But while our Lin - coln's

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But while

soul doth sleep, Brave men strike down his foes!

strike down his foes!

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Brave men strike down his foes!

ff

3.

Dead! dead! and now when hopes were high,
 And war's dread curse was passing by,
 When traitors had their madness stay'd,
 And hero hands sheathed vengeful blade,
 When homes and hearthstones gleam'd afar,
 To manly hearts grown tired of war,
 And long wooed peace had left the sky,
 It was no time for *him* to die. *Chorus*

4.

Dead! dead! and when the millions free
 Sent up their shouts of liberty,
 When from the depths of bondage wrung,
 Sweet freedoms song, by freedmen sung,
 When million hearts their thanks out pour'd
 And angel ears in pleasure heard,
 When words his hand has trac'd live on
 It is not meet to mourn *him* gone. *Chorus*

5.

Dead! dead! and has he died in vain?
 Shall we in lethargy remain?
 His years of patriot toil forget
 Shall unavenged his life sun set?
 No! for this blow in treach'ry given,
 The smoke of strife shall rise to heav'n,
 And 'till our flag in triumph waves
 His foes and ours find bloody graves! *Chorus.*

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