But we will not grudge you your joy, dear, Or the glory of your reward,

In the noble army of martyrs you serve with never a fear In God's own mighty kingdom—for ever with the Lord;

We therefore will rejoice for your great and glorious gain, Though we cannot help but miss you when the boys come home.

"Missing!"

Missing!—Oh, surely "tis hardest of all to bear.

Where is he? Does he suffer? Perhaps needing my care?

Hush! troubled one, hush! restrain your weeping;

But one thing remember—waking or sleeping—

Wherever he is—he is in God's keeping.