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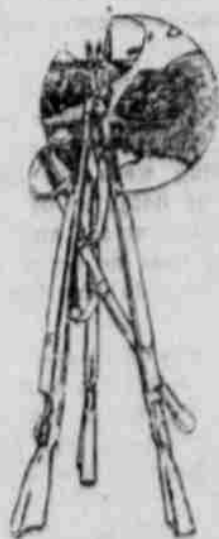
IT was a splendid morning,
With sunshine warm and bright,
With lazy cloudlets sailing
In their aerial flight.
How clearly I remember
That blessed morn in May,
When I kept step with grandpa
On dear Memorial day!

HE told me many stories
About the olden days,
Of deeds of daring valor
Amid the battle's blaze,
As toward the village churchyard
We wound our solemn way,
When I kept step with grandpa
On dear Memorial day.



I CARRIED blooming branches
From mother's lilac tree,
And every one had flowers
As far as eye could see,
And bands made lovely music
As we pursued our way,
When I kept step with grandpa
On dear Memorial day.

I THOUGHT of that this morning
When down the village street
The yearly sad procession
Went on with reverent feet;
I thought, as they without him
Pursued their solemn way,
Of keeping step with grandpa
On dear Memorial day.



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