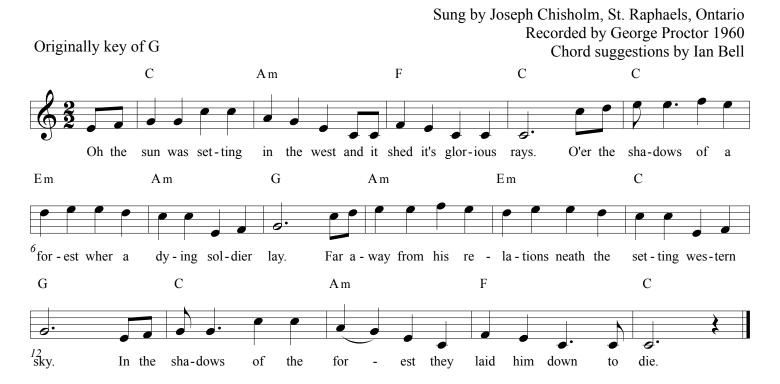
## The Dying Soldier



His comrades gathered round him
His companions in the fight
A tear rolled down each manly cheek
As he bid his last goodnight
One loved and one companion
Was kneeling by his side
Trying to stay his life's blood
But at last in vain he cried

Oh comrades I am dying
Come hear what I will say
Take a message and a token
To some loved ones far away
Far away in old Wisconsin
That deat old pine tree state
There is one, that for my coming
With a saddened heart will wait

Oh my mother she lies buried
Beneath the churchyard sod
There's been many \_\_\_\_years
Since her soul went up to God
And my father he lies buried
Beneath the deep blue sea
There was no other kindred
Excepting Nell and me

Oh a dear young girl, my sister My darling and my pride I have been to her a brother Since she had none else beside I have been to her a brother Shielded her with father's care And I tried from grief and sorrow Her gentle heart to spare

When our country was in mourning
And our call for volunteers
She threw her arms around my neck
While bursting into tears
Said, Go my darling brothr
Drive those traitors from our shore
I know I need your presence
But your country needs it more

It is true that my country,
I have given to it my all
If it were not for my sister
I would be content to fall
But comrades I am dying
And I'll ne'er se home no more
She will vainly wait my coming
At the little cottage door

Now comrades I am dying Come hear my last fond prayer Who will be to her a brother And shield her with father's care Then up spoke the soldiers bravely In a voice like one let fall We will be to her a brother We'll protect her one and all

Oh a sweet smile of gladness
O'er that soldier's face was spread
One quick convulsive shudder
And the soldier boy was dead
Beneath the sahes of a palmetto
We laid him down to rest
With his knapsack for a pillow
And his gun across his breast

A song from the American Civil War. There are also "Dying Cowboy" versions of the words The melody bears a resemblance to that of the ballad "The Flying Cloud"