

The Ballad of Montcalm and Wolfe

As sung by John Galusha

Moderately ♩ = 100

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff has a key signature change to D minor (two flats) for the second half. The second staff continues in D minor. The third staff has a key signature change to G major (one flat) and a time signature change to 5/4 for the first half, then back to 4/4 for the second half. The fourth staff continues in G major. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: Dm, Am, Dm, Am, Dm, Gm, C, Am, Dm, Am, Dm.

1. Bad news is come to town. bad news is car - ried. Some
 say my love is dead, oth - ers says he's mar - ried. As
 I was a-pon - d'ring on this, I took to weep - ing. They
 stole my love a - way whilst I was sleep - ing.

2. Love, here's a ring of gold, long years I've kept it.
 Madame, it's for your sake, will you accept it?
 When you the posy read, pray think on the giver.
 Madame, remember me, for I'm undone forever.

3. Then away went this brave youth, and embarked all on the ocean,
 To free Americay was his intention.
 He landed in Quebec with all his party,
 The city to attack, being brave and hearty.

4. He drew his army up in lines so pretty
 On the Plains of Abraham back of the city,
 At a distance from the town where the French would meet him,
 In double numbers, who resolved to beat him.

5. Montcalm and this brave youth together walk`ed,
 Between two armies they like brothers talk`ed.
 Till each one took his post and did retire.
 It was then these numerous hosts commenced their fire.

6. Little did he think death was so near him.
 [one line missing]
 When shot down from his horse was this our hero.
 We'll long lament his loss in tears of sorrow.

7. He rais`ed up his head where the cannons did rattle,
 And to his aide he said, "How goes the battle?"
 His aide-de-camp replied, "It's ending in our favor."
 "Then," says this brave youth, "I quit this earth with pleasure."