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At re-membrance of the story, how our noble Willie fell

How he strove to bear our banner, through the thickest of the fight

And up-hold our country’s honor in the strength of manhood’s night
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But this soothes the anguish only, sweeping o’er our heartstrings now

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