

9a

While I'm Away

CUE: "Congress declares war!"

Arrg. John Van Geem

$\text{♩} = c. 95$

mp

$\text{♩} = c. 125$

Frankie: *mf*

upbeat, with energy

The let - ter came in —

— last week - end I was walk - ing from school — with my best friend

He was jeal - ous but my mo - ther — she just — broke down and

Detailed description: The score is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. It begins with a piano introduction (measures 1-5) marked *mp*. The tempo then increases to $\text{♩} = c. 125$. The vocal line for Frankie starts at measure 6 with the lyrics 'The let - ter came in —'. The piano accompaniment includes triplets and a 'pizz.' (pizzicato) section. The lyrics continue through measures 9 and 12: '— last week - end I was walk - ing from school — with my best friend' and 'He was jeal - ous but my mo - ther — she just — broke down and'. The score ends at measure 12.

15
8
cried
The next week I board__ ed a grey - hound

18
8
And waved good - bye to a south - ern home - town I won - der what my__ class

21
8
__ mates are say - ing now that__ I'm gone

reverent, with pride

mf

24
8
My coun-try I'll de-fend Where - e-ver they drop me in And we will

31
8
win
31
mf

35
8
pizz.
35
mf *f*
mf

40
8
40
mf

44
8
44

48

8

52

staccato feel, moving along

8

mp *f*

George:

56

8

You've got - ta be fuck - ing kid-ding me I don't owe my life to this coun - try

60

8

This is not who I had planned to be Bet this is all a go - vern-ment con - spir - a - cy

64
8
So what? You want me to go and kill A bunch of men a - gainst my own will

68
8
So I'm broke and un - em - ployed but still I ain't got none of them sol - dier skills

mf

72
8
I've learned to have no fear, But I'm a dead man

mf

a tempo

77
8
walk - ing here Won't last a year.

82 **pulling back a little**

mf

86 **a tempo**

mf

91 **slower**

mf

Jacob:

95 *mf* said good - bye to the wo - man I loved _____ We had just got en - ga - ged last month

mf

99
8 We moved our wed-ding to a la__ ter date I kissed her lips, she pro-mised she'd wait__ I

103
8 hope she__ re - mem - bers__ and holds on - to me__

f

CUE: "I'm going to prove her wrong and return."

f

107
8 I pray that I re - turn as__ the man__ I used to be__

110
8

CUE: "Warren, just live in the moment."

114

mf

119

mf

Recruiter:

**Assign parts to actor's voices.*

125

Who knows what lies in store

Who knows what lies in store

Who knows what lies in store

ff

Ped. *

Warren:

129

129

8 A - way in this new war But you are who I'm fight - ing for

8 A - way in this new war But you are who I'm fight - ing for

8 A - way in this new war But you who fight - ing for

129

133

133

Hey sir, what are you fight - ing for? You don't know what you are li - ving for Find your pur-pose.

133

mp

139

139

That's all I'm ask - ing for.

139

8 Whi - le I'm a - way

8 Whi - le I'm a - way

8 Whi - le I'm a - way

139