

yess I'm a gold star mother bright  
as ever shined it almost broke my  
heart when day took dat Boy off  
mind. it was alone in de old log  
Copper de lamp was burning dim.  
I Could hear de tread of strangers  
but never thought day wanted him.  
but now days near and near. behold  
dar was a knock! de Chain could hardly  
hold de old house dog as he began  
to Bark

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Dar was something strange in dat  
knock I never heard befoore. In my  
Apron pocket I began to fumble  
it seemed an hour or more. Trying  
to find de padlock kee to open de old  
front door. but now we is face to face  
a man all dressed in brown. and  
I knowed so well de son of de town.  
awrit Chloe he sayd I come for Mus

Yess I'm a bold star mother as bright as ever  
shined. it almaste broke my heart when day  
took dat fag of mine out on de Farm in a old log  
Coffin de Lamp was burning dim. I could hear de  
Hord of strangers. but never thought day wanted  
him. now they are <sup>and near</sup> coming near behold dat was a  
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& face a man all dressed in brown. ~~not~~ one we know  
so well the shirry of our ~~town~~ <sup>now</sup> be calm quiet Oh-  
lol we come far more you know what Far. please dont  
take all de boy I got and send him of to war.

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do you know my heart was drippen flood my eyes  
was even dry. I Felt like ending my one life and  
just give up and die. ~~now~~ <sup>for my heart</sup> he was my one flesh and  
blood I couldnt under stand. dat I had nothing  
to do <sup>with</sup> him he belonged to uncle Sam. den I thought  
of my poor mother and how her heart did fill  
I was but a baby when my Father died at Snyper  
hill.

