

Keep the Home Fires Burning

music by Ivor Novello
and lyrics by Lena Ford (1915)

$F_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ $C9_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ F $F_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ $Bbm_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ F
They were summoned from the hillside They were called in from the glen,
 $C_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ $C9_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ $F_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ $Dm_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ $C_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ $G9_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ C $C7$
And the country found them ready at the stirring call for men.

$F_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ $C9_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ F $F_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ $Bbm_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ F
Let no tears add to their hardships as the soldiers pass along, and
 $Am_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ $Cma7_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ $Dm_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ $F_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ $C_{(\frac{1}{4})}$ $Em_{(\frac{1}{4})}$ $Dm7_{(\frac{1}{4})}$ $G7_{(\frac{1}{4})}$ C $C7$
although your heart is breaking make it sing this cheerful song.

F $C7$ Dm $Aaug_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ $A_{(\frac{1}{2})}$
Keep the home fires burning, while your hearts are yearning,
 $Bb_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ $Bb6_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ F $G7$ $C7$
Though your lads are far away, they dream of home.

F $C7$ Dm $Aaug_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ $A_{(\frac{1}{2})}$
There's a silver lining, through the dark clouds shining,
 $Bb_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ $Bb6_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ F $F_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ $C7_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ F
Turn the dark cloud inside out 'til the boys come home.

$F_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ $C9_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ F $F_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ $Bbm_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ F
Overseas there came a pleading, "Help a nation in distress."
 $C_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ $C9_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ $F_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ $Dm_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ $C_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ $G9_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ C $C7$
And we gave our glorious ladies honour bade us do no less,

$F_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ $C9_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ F $F_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ $Bbm_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ F
For no gallant son of freedom to a tyrant's yoke should bend,
 $Am_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ $Cma7_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ $Dm_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ $F_{(\frac{1}{2})}$ $C_{(\frac{1}{4})}$ $Em_{(\frac{1}{4})}$ $Dm7_{(\frac{1}{4})}$ $G7_{(\frac{1}{4})}$ C $C7$
And a noble heart must answer to the sacred call of "Friend."