

The Vacant Chair

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Voice and Piano

With feeling *p* *cresc*

1. We shall meet, but we shall miss him, There will be one va-cant chair; We shall
 2. At our fire-side, sad and lone-ly, Oft-en will the bo-som swell At re-
 3. True, they tell us wreaths of glo-ry, Ev-er more will deck his brow, But this

With feeling *p* *cresc*

4 *f* *dim* *mf*

lin-ger to ca-ress him, While we breathe our eve-ning pray'r. When a year a-go we
 mem-brance of the sto-ry How our no-ble Wil-lie fell, How he strove to bear our
 soothes the an-guish on-ly, Sweep-ing o'er our heart-strings now. Sleep to-day, oh, ear-ly

f *dim* *mf*

9 *dim*

gath-ered, Joy was in his mild blue eyes, But a gold-en chord is sev-ered, And our
 ban-ner Thro' the thick-est of the fight, And up-hold our coun-try's hon-or, In the
 fal-len, In thy green and nar-row bed, Dir-ges from the pine and cy-pryess, Min-gle

14 *p*

hopes in ru - in lie.
strength of man-hood's might. We shall meet, but we shall miss him, There will be one va-cant
with the tears we shed.

19 *f* *dim.*

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