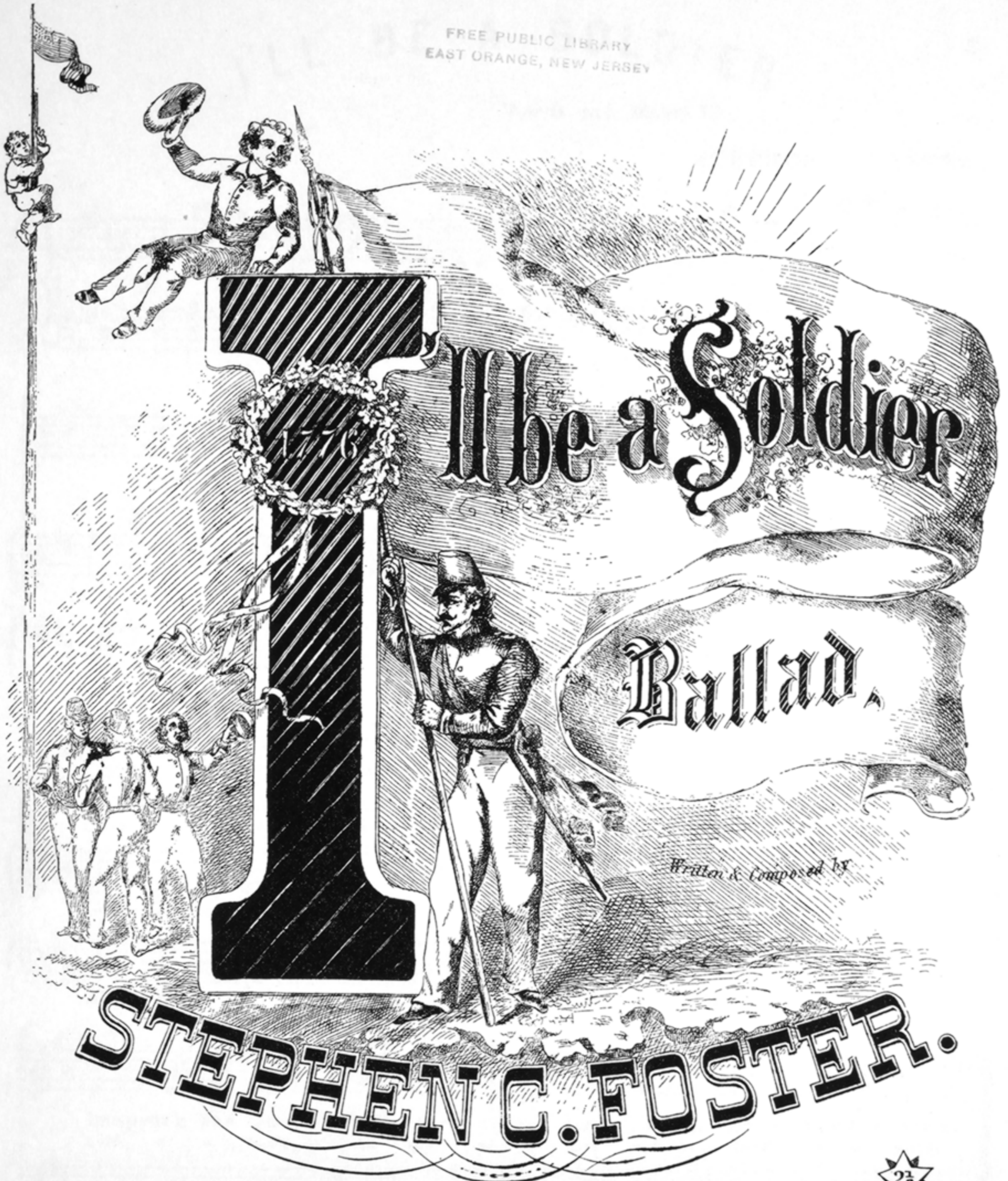


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I'LL BE A SOLDIER

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MODERATO.

Drums.

The piano introduction consists of two staves in G major, 2/4 time. The right hand plays a melody of eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand plays a steady accompaniment of eighth notes. The drum part is indicated by a series of vertical lines above the piano staff.

1. I'll be a soldier and march to the drum, And
2. I'll be a soldier and join in the fray, With

lie in my tent when the night shadows come; I'll be a soldier with
black shining belt and a jack-et of grey; I'll face up the battle as

knapsack and gun, And stand to my post 'till the din of battle's done.
bold as a hawk, As gay as a lark and as steady as a rock.

CHORUS.

Fare - well! my own lov'd Jenny dear, Still will I dream of thee where

Dolee.

ev - er I may stray; Fare - - well! be - fore the coming year,

I'll be a sol - dier far, far a - way.

3. I'll be a soldier, "my coun - try's" the cry, I'll
 4. I'll be a soldier, and when we have won, I'll

fly to de - fend her and con - quer or die; The
 come back to thee with my knap - sack and gun, I'll

land of my childhood my love and my tears, The
 come with a true heart and kiss off each tear, And

CHORUS.

land of my birth and my early sunny years.
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