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**MUSICAL THEATER
SONGWRITING CHALLENGE**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AMERICAN THEATRE WING.
Collaborators are Disney Theatrical Productions and
Samuel French, Inc., a Concord Theatricals company.

Lyrics for *Carolina*

By Emalee Flatness

**2019 Musical Theater Songwriting
Challenge Winner**

Arnoldus

My blue coat's worn.
My heart is heavy.
I'll never meet my newborn son.
Oh, for me this war is over.
But for my family it's just begun.

On the day I left for Richmond,
I told my wife I'd be home soon.
Four years have passed,
And I lie dying,
Underneath this lonely moon.

And I'll miss the rushing river by the farmhouse.
And the warm smell of biscuits on the fire.
No more will I roam,
My love. I am coming home.

So bring me back from Carolina.
This ain't where my bones should lay.
Oh my darling, I'm coming home
And this time, I'm coming home to stay.

Elizabeth

I made the biscuits that you like.
Your daughter's built a fort just for the two of you.
And you must be so excited to see your baby boy.
Thank God you made it through.

And the papers, they all say the war is over.
One last battle, then the boys have won.
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