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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.

**FINAL LYRICS FROM WORKSHOP  
WITH EMALEE FLATNESS**

**"Bring Him Back to Carolina"**

**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 our boys have won.  
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