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THE
Parting Volunteer.

WRITTEN BY MR. DIBDIN.

Printed and Sold by T. EVANS, 79, Long-Lane.

THE beacon's fir'd! the busy coast,
Announces an infuriate foe!
The soldier feels himself a host,
And to the conflict longs to go.

Hark! cries the gallant Volunteer,
I come to conquer or to fall;
For those than life I hold more dear,
Firm at imperious honour's call.

Dear to the heart is filial love;
Dear to a generous friend's embrace;
Dear to know our perils move
Tears that dim a lovely face.

Yet, cannot those the dangers yield:
Father, friend, wife, children—all
Must to the manly effort yield,
Made at imperious honour's call.

Without the noble feeling found,
What are of men the best deserts?
Children are rebels, friends unsound;
And lovers little merit hearts.

Let me this proud distinction prove;
Your signs let me deserve them all,
And tear myself from those I love,
Firm at imperious honour's call.