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(But where's the little drummer and his drum?)
The fifes are all a-chuckle and the

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flags are snapping too,
(But who is this that's asking for his chum?)
The cannons have been polished and the stains are wiped away,
The fog of smoke has lifted and no more is drifting gray.
And we can see the sun that wasn't shining yesterday,
(Is that a dirge that some one tries to hum?)
The orders speak of glory, and of how we won the fight,
(But who has seen the little drummer boy?)
'Twas anybody's battle till we crumpled up their right.
(You'd think he thought his drum a Christmas toy.)
You see the harness glisten with the polish on the straps—
You wouldn't think these fellows had been making over maps
Unless you chanced to notice that the ranks are showing gaps.
(His mother said he was her only joy.)
They've sheathed the clanking sabers and the flags again are furled.
(But where's the drummer boy and his drum?)
They say a day like yesterday will influence the world.
(The boys all wonder why he doesn't come.)
It's strange that some one's speeches, or the scratching of a pen,
Can send us out to kill or to be killed by other men—
And when one war is over they will talk and write again.
(The little drummer's hands are white and numb.)

There'll be an arch of welcome for the boys when we return.
(They found him with his drum, upon the sod.)
But there'll be women waiting, and their hearts will always yearn.
(They laid his drum in with him, did the squad.)
It's all a part of glory—all the banners they will wave.
And all the ringing speeches made in honor of the brave,
And all the songs—but glory hardly ever finds your grave.
(They left the boy to glory and to God.)
— W. D. Nesbit in Chicago Tribune.

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