

My Sky Sailor

TYG 132

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guns had spared, the Span - ish flu de - nied. I felt my life was
o - ver, I'd nev - er love a - gain, But then to How - den
there came Jim-my, My sky sail - or, my A - mer - i - can.

The musical score is written on four staves. The first three staves are in 4/4 time, and the fourth staff is in 5/4 time. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes.

1. When the Great War ended,
I should have been a bride,
But what the German guns had spared,
The Spanish Flu denied.
I felt my life was over,
I'd never love again,
But then to Howden there came Jimmy,
My sky sailor, my American.
2. I worked in the office,
At Howden's aerodrome.
Some U.S. Navy flyers came,
To fetch an airship home.
They seemed to me too forward,
Such loud and brash young men,
But my heart changed when I met Jimmy,
My sky sailor, my American.
3. We walked out together,
For near enough a year,
While Jimmy trained and waited for,
His airship to appear.
The R38 was finished,
And brought from Cardington.
By then I was engaged to Jimmy,
My sky sailor, my American.

4. Lighter than a feather,
And silver in the sun,
She lifted off from Howden Field,
To make her last trial run.
High up above the Humber,
She failed and down she spun.
Air, water, fire, then earth claimed Jimmy,
My sky sailor, my American.
5. When the Great War ended,
I should have been a bride,
But what the German guns had spared,
The Spanish Flu denied.
I felt my life was over,
I'd never love again,
But then to Howden there came Jimmy,
My sky sailor, my American.