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Allen's Lone Star Ballads--Galveston & Houston

LONE STAR BANNER OF THE FREE!

Air--'Rule Britannia,'

Words by E. W. Cave.

As sung at a Concert for the  
HOUSTON,



Benefit of soldier's families,  
DEC. 26, '62.

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When first from out a sky of gloom,  
The Lone Star lit a Nation's way,  
The vengeful tyrant saw his doom,  
As freedom's banner caught each ray.

*Chorus*—Lone Star Banner—banner of the Free,  
Texians win or die with thee!

2

Reflected once on thy broad shield,  
Its golden hues were planted there;  
And o'er thy sons on every field  
'Tis seen amid the battle's glare.

*Chorus*—Lone Star Banner, &c.

3

Now, when a desolating horde,  
Impelled by hate, despoil the land,  
Foremost behold the avenging sword,  
Borne by the Texian Patriot's hand.

*Chorus*—Lone Star Banner, &c.

4

In thickest fight on Shiloh's plain,  
Or where Arkansas waters flow,  
'Mid cannons roar and bullets rain,  
Behold the Texian drives the foe!

*Chorus*—Lone Star Banner, &c.

5

Blood-stained and battle-torn thy folds,  
From Gaines' Mill and Manassas borne—  
And Death's eternal slumber holds  
The boastful Zouave, his laurels shorn!

*Chorus*—Lone Star Banner, &c.

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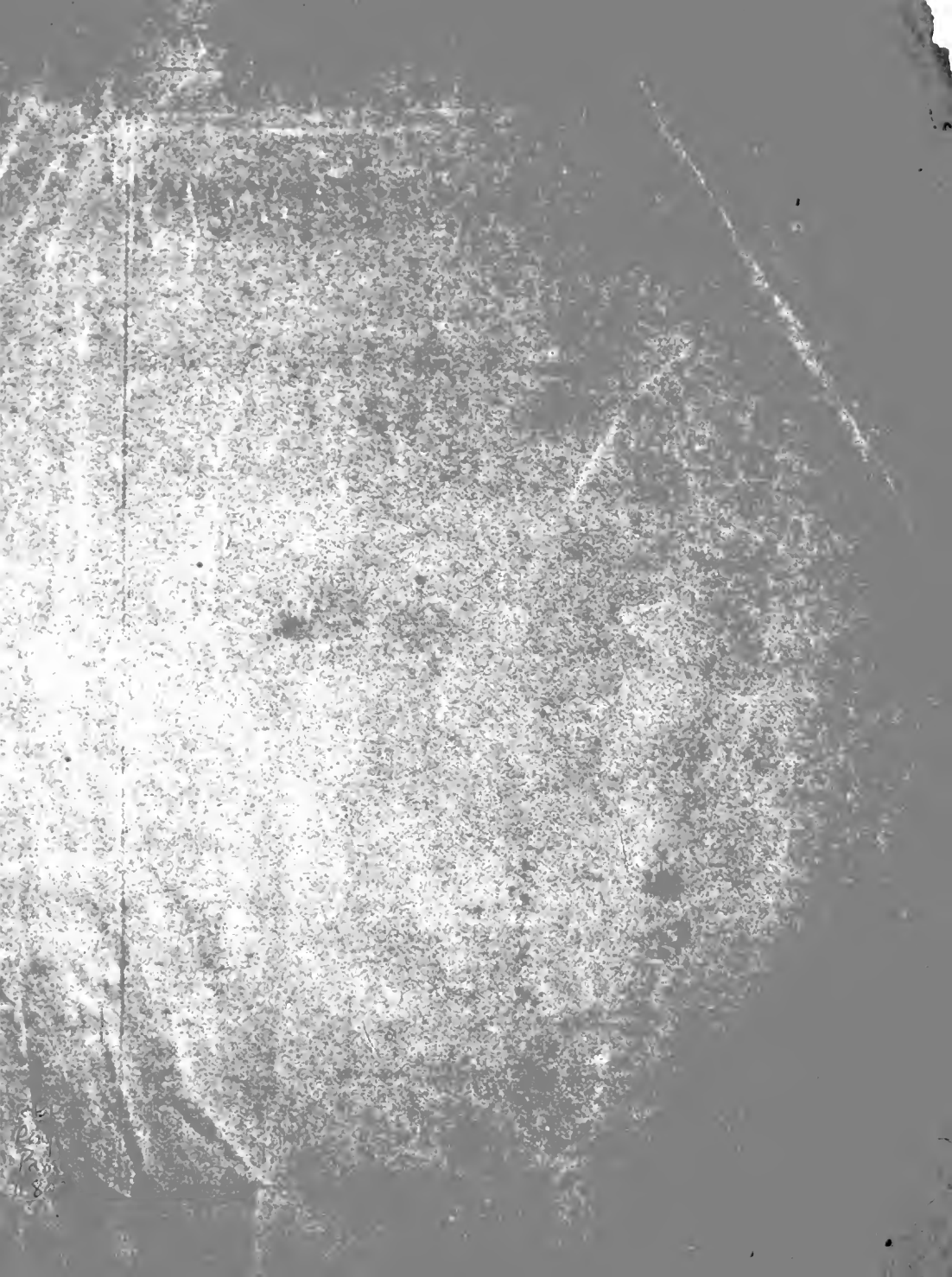
Virginia's classic soil has known—  
Broad Mississippi's vales attest  
Thy patriot sons; their dying moan  
Is heard where Southern heroes rest.

*Chorus*—Lone Star Banner, &c.

7

Thy sons will prove their glorious name,  
If here the foeman's tread shall fall;  
Our leader bears Virginia's fame—  
Texians will rally at his call!

*Chorus*—Lone Star Banner—banner of the Free,  
Texians win or die with thee!



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