Comrades - song lyrics

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COMRADES.
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We from childhood played together, my dear comrade. Jack and I;
We would fight each other's battles, to each other's aid we'd fly;
And, in boyish scrapes and troubles, you would find us everywhere;
Where one went the other followed, naught could part us, for we were

Chorus.
Comrades, comrades ever since we were boys.
Sharing each other's sorrows, sharing each other's joys;
Comrades when manhood was dawning, faithful whate'er might betide,
When danger threatened, my darling old comrade was there by my side.

When just budding into manhood, I yearned for a soldier's life;
Night and day I dreamed of glory, longing for the battle's strife;
I said. "Jack, I'll be a soldier, 'neath the red, the white and blue;
Good-bye, Jack! "said he, "no never! if you go, then I'll go too." -Chorus.

I enlisted. Jack came with me, and up-and-downs we shared;
For a time our lives were peaceful, but at length war was declared;
England's flag had been insulted, we were ordered to the front,
And the reg'ment we belonged to had to bear the battle's brunt.-Chorus.

In the night the savage foemen crept around us as we lay,
To our arms we leaped and faced them, back to back we stood at bay;
As I fought, a savage at me aimed his spear like lightning's dart,
But my comrade sprang to save me and received it in his heart.-Chorus.