

when the tigers broke free

Moderately

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The sheet music consists of six staves of musical notation. The top staff is for the piano, showing treble and bass clefs, a key signature of C major (one sharp), and a common time signature. The tempo is marked 'Moderately'. The vocal part begins on the second staff, also in C major and common time. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The piano part continues on the third staff, followed by another vocal section on the fourth staff. The fifth staff shows a transition to a Gsus chord, indicated by a guitar icon and a key signature of G major. The final staff returns to the piano part.

Lyrics:

- It was just be - fore dawn one mise - ra - ble morn - ing in
- black 'fort - y four When the for - ward com - mand - er was

F/C

C

told to sit tight When he asked that his men be with - drawn

And the gene - rals gave thanks As the oth - er ranks

held back the en - em - y tanks for a while And the An - zi - o

bridge - head was held for the price Of a few hun - dred ord - in - ary

lives. And kind old King George sent Mother a

G

C G C
 note When he heard — that Fath - er was gone. It was, I re -

G C
 call, in the form of a scroll, With gold leaf and all

And I found it one day In a drawer of old pho - to - graphs hid - den a - way

Gsus

And my eyes still grow damp to re - mem - ber His Maj - est - y

signed With his own rub - ber stamp. It was dark all a -

f

G C G

round, There was frost in the ground When The Tig - ers Broke Free.

C.

And no one sur - vived from the Royal Fus - il - iers, Com - pan - y,

G C

"C" They were all left be - hind, Most of them

ff

G C

dead, the rest of them dy - ing And that's how the

G C

High Com - mand took my Dad - dy from me.