

My Chum, Tom - song lyrics

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MY CHUM, TOM.

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In a quiet little country town, my chum, Tom and I,
Played as boys on the school-house grounds, in dear old days gone by;
Upon that quiet village green he'll be seen no more,
For he laid down his life for me on board a man-of-war.

Refrain.

My chum, Tom, from me has gone, nevermore to return;
We were like brothers, how my heart for him did yearn;
We were boys together, faced manhood in all kinds of weather,
I'll never find another like my chum, Tom.

We were fighting on the sea, our only thought was victory;
A shell tore our mizzen mast away, and wounded on the deck I lay:
A deadly bomb fell by my side; to hurl it overboard, Tom tried;
Hark! hark! a report! it burst! a moan! to save my life he gave his own.- Ref