**I SAW OLD GENERAL AT BAY.**

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| I saw old General at bay;  |

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| (Old as he was, his grey eyes yet shone out in battle          like stars;)  |

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| His small force was now completely hemmed in, in his          works;  |

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| He call'd for volunteers to run the enemy's lines—a          desperate emergency;  |

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| I saw a hundred and more step forth from the ranks—          but two or three were selected;  |

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| I saw them receive their orders aside—they listen'd          with care—the adjutant was very grave;  |

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| I saw them depart with cheerfulness, freely risking their  |

  lives.