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Thirteen Were Saved

or Nebraska's Fearless Maid.

Song and Chorus

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Miss Minnie Freeman, school teacher and heroine

Whose pluck and good judgment exhibited during the recent fearful blizzard in the Myra Valley District, Nebraska, saved the lives of thirteen helpless little children.

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[Omaha Special]

Miss Minnie Freeman, the plucky little school teacher at Mina Valley, whose heroism, care, and presence of mind saved from death her thirteen little pupils during the terrible storm last week, was in this city to-day. When pressed, she told the following story: "The storm came on very suddenly and struck the school-house just about the time for closing. I knew from indications that it was going to be a regular 'blizzard,' and told the children to all wrap up well. While I was attending to them the door blew in, and then the windows. I put my cloak on and was wondering what I was going to do. I had made up my mind that the building would not last long. Then I happened to think of a ball of twine I had taken away from a little fellow named Frankie Gibbon, who was playing with it during school hours. I began tying the children together, and when I had completed this task I awaited developments. Very soon the roof of the building blew off and I said, 'Come on, children,' and we started. The nearest house was three-quarters of a mile away, and in order to reach it we had to face the storm for about one-third of the distance. I thought at one time we should be lost, and I came near losing hope, for I was nearly exhausted. You see, I was carrying the smallest child—a little girl—and my talking to the children and urging them to keep up their spirits, tired me very much."
"THIRTEEN WERE SAVED;"

OR,

NEBRASKA’S FEARLESS MAID.

(An incident of the terrible blizzard throughout the Northwest in January, 1888.)

Words and Music by Wm. Vincent.

1. A little school-house stood alone, Up on a prairie home; And
   Swiftly came the rushing noise, As swiftly came the snow, All

2. Then waiting shivering by the fire, A moment of suspense, When
   The snow grew deep, the path was lost, O God, what dreaded fate! Her

3. The teacher’s task was nobly done, May lasting be her fame; In-

thirteen little children came, One winter morning fair; But awful storm-clouds suddenly Ob-
hidden from the landscape then, They knew not where to go; And
with a crash the house gave way, And they had no defense; Then forth in to the blinding storm, She
voice ran out “Come on! come on! Cheer up ‘tis not too late,” A few steps more the house is gained, The
scribed among the glorious deeds, Shall live her cherished name; In many homes that awful night, Were

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scurled the sun and sky, And ter-ror filled each lit-tle heart, And tears came in the eye. 
prayed to God for aid, Then quick as thought from sim-ple cord, A band of un-ion made, 
lead them brave-ly out, One car-ried in her gen-tle arms, All cheered by word and shout, 
far-mer opes the door, In grat-i-tude they kneel in prayer, Up-on that farm-house floor, 
ma-ny souls who prayed, And bless-ings asked for that brave-girl, Ne-bras-ka’s fear-less maid.

REFRAIN.

(To be sung, first as a Solo, then repeated with all the parts.)

SOPRANO.

Oh “thir-teen were saved” the “pluck-y lit-tle maid,”

ALTO.

“Thir-teen were saved” the “pluck-y lit-tle maid,”

TENOR.

“Thir-teen were saved” “the pluck-y lit-tle maid”

BASE.

Thirteen were Saved — 2.
Thus flashed the joy-ous news o'er city town and glade,
Brave-ly in-to the storm, She
maid,"
and glade,

With fercor and a little slower.

led the brave thirteen,
God bless the fear-less maid, Ne-bras-ka's her-o ine.

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God bless the fear-less maid, Ne-bras-ka's her-o ine.

Thirteen were Sared.—3.