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[[image - drawing of buildings with uniformed guard with sword and feathered hat. A long line of cadets march across the parade field]]

WEST POINT, 1815

ALMA MATER

Hail, Alma Mater dear,
To us be ever near,
Help us thy motto bear
Through all the years.
Let Duty be well performed,
Honor be e'er untarned,
Country be ever armed,
West Point, by thee.

Guide us, thy sons, aright,
Teach us by day, by night,
To keep thine honor bright,
For thee to fight.
When we depart from thee,
Serving on land or sea,
May we still loyal be,
West Point to thee

And when our work is done,
Our course on earth is run,
May it be said, "Well done.
Be thou at peace."
E'er may that line of gray
Increase from day to day,
Live, serve, and die, we pray,
West Point, for thee.

P.S. Reinecke,
Class of 1911

[[image - circular black & white photograph of Honor Guard, two with flags and two with rifles]]

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