



EPILOGUE

from *Meg Blane - A Rhapsody of the Sea*

for

Mezzo-Soprano Solo, Chorus and Orchestra

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Op. 48 (1902)

Side Drum

COVER IMAGE

“Lighthouse on a Cliff by Moonlight” by Hermann Eschke, 1879



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Lento molto espressivo

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173-182 183-184 185-188 189-192 193-196

mp *molto cresc.* *ff*

M.S.

The wild white wa - ter screams, The wind cries

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