



MEG BLANE

A Rhapsody of the Sea

FOR MEZZO SOPRANO SOLO, CHORUS , ORCHESTRA

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BASS DRUM

COVER IMAGE

Tempête de mer avec épaves de navires

by

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1770

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The “renaissance” in English music is generally agreed to have started in the late Victorian period, beginning roughly in 1880. Public demand for major works in support of the annual choral festivals held throughout England at that time was considerable which led to the creation of many large scale works for orchestra with soloists and chorus.

Although a number of those works were engraved, printed and are regularly performed today, performance scores for a considerable number of compositions, both large-scale and more intimate works, are not available. These works were either never engraved or were engraved and printed but are no longer available in the publishers’ catalogues. While the existence of these works is documented in biographies of the composers, the ability to study and, most importantly, to perform these compositions is not possible.

Changes in the International copyright laws, coupled with changing musical tastes, played a pivotal role in creating this void. As a result, music publishers lost the ability to generate revenue from the sale/rental of such music. In 1964, holograph and copyist scores from both Novello and from publishers it represented were offered to the British Library and the Royal College of Music Library (see The RCM Novello Library – The Musical Times, Feb. 1983 by Jeremy Dibble).

These autograph full score manuscripts along with copies of engraved vocal scores, widely available through various online library sources, are now the only resources available for studying and performing these works.

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<i>Vocal Score:</i>	Novello's Original Octavo Edition no. 11807, Novello, Ewer & Co., 1902
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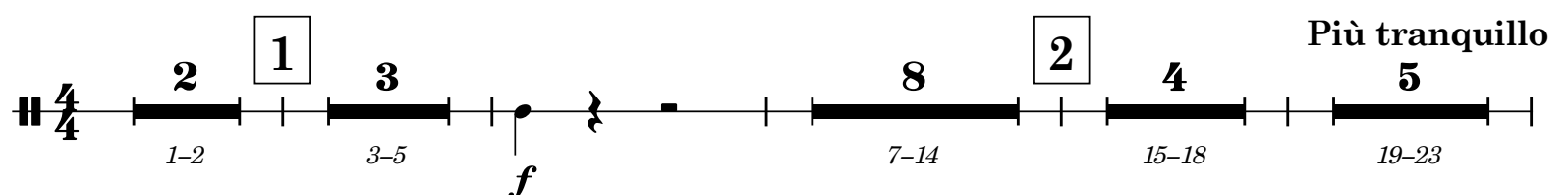
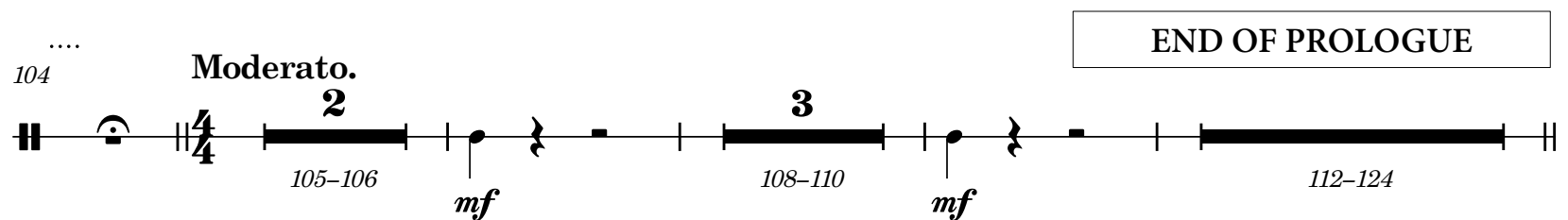
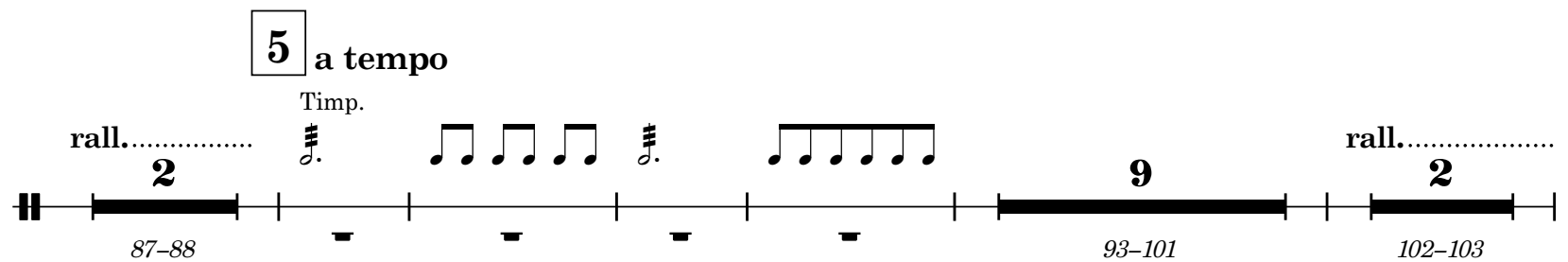
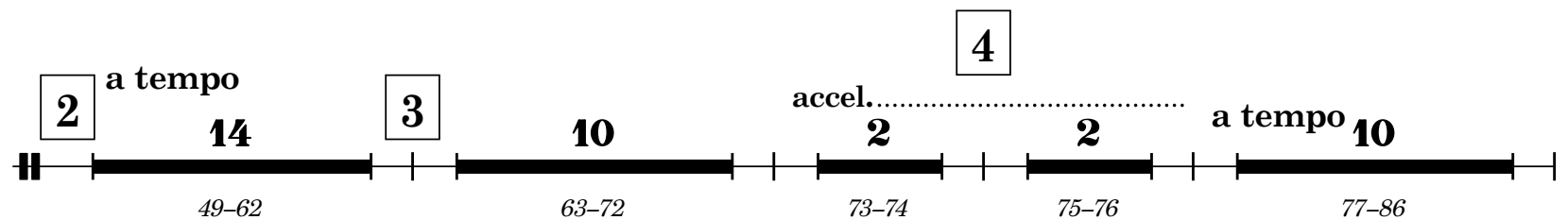
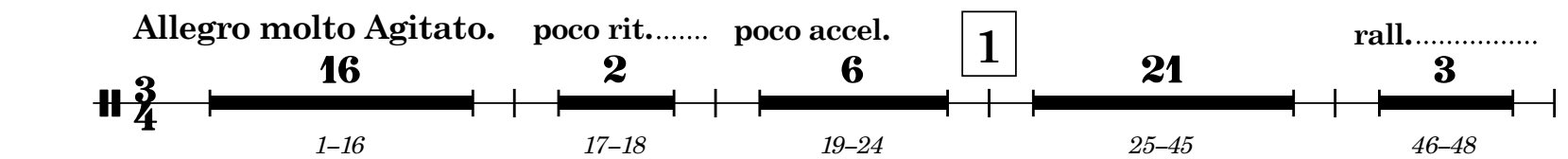
Bass Drum

Meg Blane

Robert Buchanan

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

PROLOGUE



10 a tempo 10

141-150

Timp.

accel..... rall.

mf *ff*

157 rall..... 11 a tempo 9

159-167

rall. 1 poco a poco

p

172

Allegro. 16

174-189

12 poco rit..... 3

190-192

a tempo 13

193-205

Hn 1

pp

207

13

211-215

5

ff

1

mf

Poco più mosso.

poco a poco accelerando

7

219-225

6

226-231

9

232-240

14

242-243

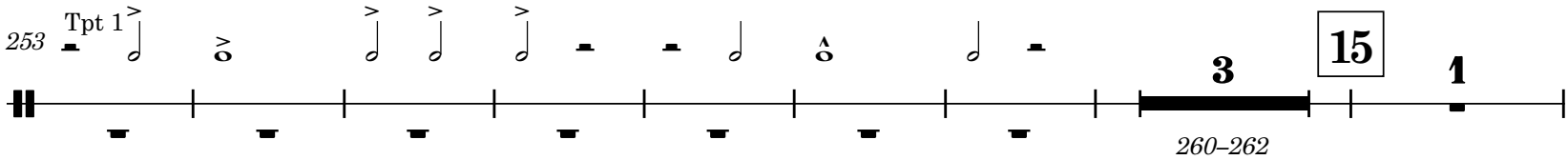
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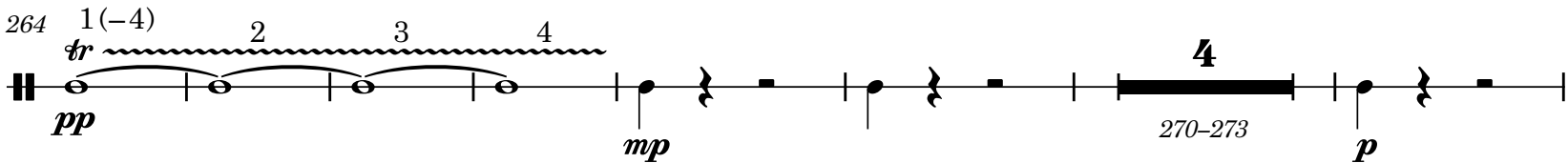
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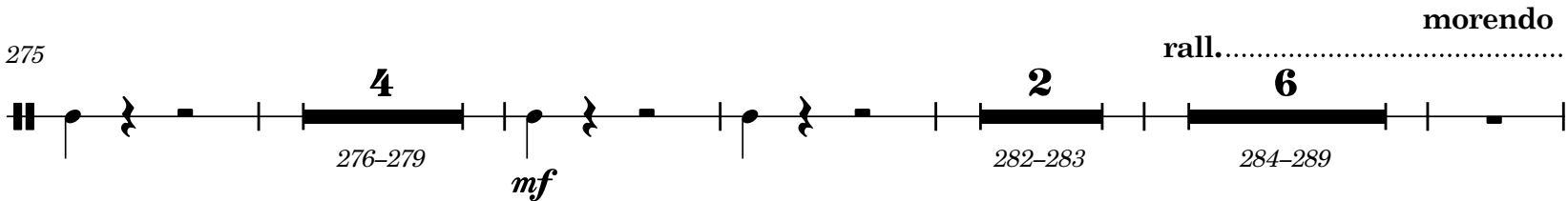
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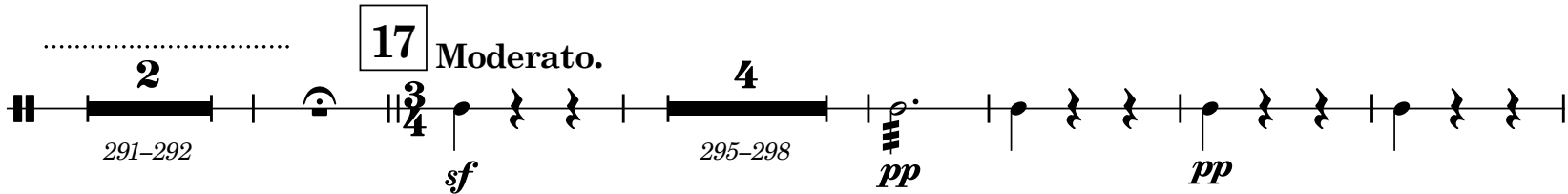
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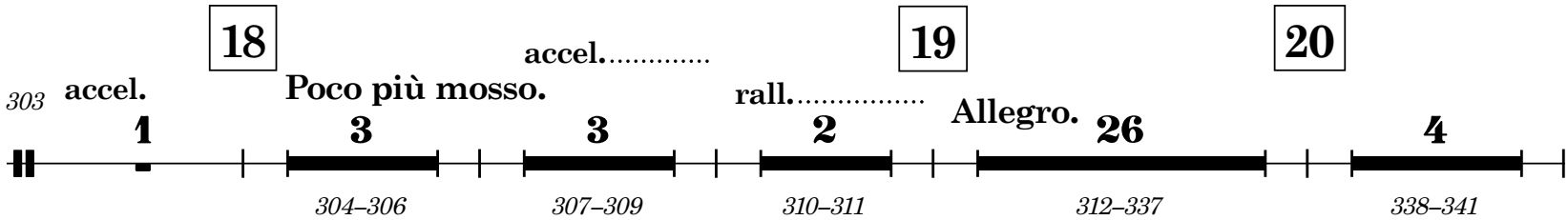
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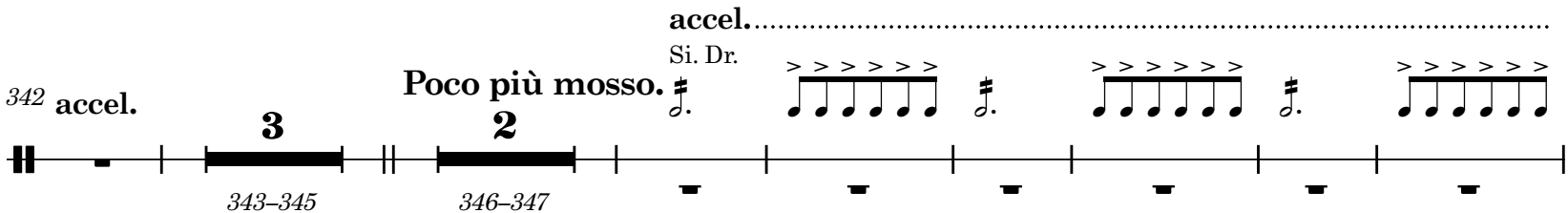
253 Tpt 1 

264 1(-4) 

275 

..... 

303 accel. 

342 accel. 

354 **Molto Allegro.**

sff

1

3

361-363

rall.....

2

364-365

2

366-367

f

21 **Allegro furioso.**

f

373

4

374-377

sf

6

382-387

23**Poco più mosso.**

22

18

388-405

3

406-408

15

409-423

6

424-429

rall. **3**

430-432

dim. e rall.....

433

Meno mosso.

16

434-449

1

Timp.

3

24**Poco meno mosso.**

1

pp

2

460-461

ppp

11

464-474

25

26

accel..... Tempo Allegro moderato. rall.... Molto moderato.

5 18 2 3 12 27 16

475-479 480-497 498-499 500-511 512-527

28

Timp.

528

29

536

accel.. Poco più mosso. 2 accel... Più mosso. rit.....rall.

mp sf 538-539 sf 1

545

Tempo molto Moderato. rall.....

ff sf 550-551 2

30

.....

552

a tempo 4 Largamente.

sf sf 555-558 sf

EPILOGUE

1 *S. M-S.*

“Lord! _____ heark - en to me! Save all poor souls at sea! _____

4 1 19

9-12 13-31

54

4

4

10

Più agitato

2

4

poco accel.

8

55-58

59-68

69-70

71-74

75-82

The musical score for 'The Rose Tree' is presented on a single staff. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The tempo is marked 'a tempo'. The score is divided into five measures, each with a measure number in a box above it: 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11. The durations for each measure are indicated by numbers below the staff: 12, 12, 14, 2, and 11. The measures are grouped by brackets below the staff: 99-110, 111-122, 123-136, 137-138, and 139-149. The score ends with a double bar line.

11

150

rall.....

6

151-156

a tempo

pp *mp* *cresc. poco a poco*

12

165

largamente

2

173-174

cresc. *mp*

13

176

rall.....

2

181-182

2

183-184

a tempo

1

ppp *mp*

187

1

Morendo

rall.....

p *pp* *pp* *pp*



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