



# MEG BLANE

A Rhapsody of the Sea

FOR MEZZO SOPRANO SOLO, CHORUS , ORCHESTRA

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(OP. 48)

BASS TROMBONE

COVER IMAGE

Tempête de mer avec épaves de navires

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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 ).

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Bass Trombone

Meg Blane

Robert Buchanan

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

PROLOGUE

Allegro molto Agitato.

poco rit. .... poco accel.

1 13 2 6

*sf* *sf* 4-16 17-18 19-24

1 2 3

21 3 14 8

25-45 46-48 49-62 63-70

Tpt 2

4 5

73 accel. .... a tempo rall. .... a tempo

9 2

78-86 87-88 *mp*

91

*sf* *mf* *f*

5 2

97-101 102-103

Moderato.

2 2

105-106 109-110

*mf* *mf*

END OF PROLOGUE

8

113-120

*pp* *sf*

1 9

*mf* *mf*

6-14

**2** **Più tranquillo** **3** **4**

15-18 19-21 Hn 4 *mf*

27 *f* *p* **1** **1** **2** poco rit.....Poco meno mosso. 33-34

35 **Animato.** *f* *dim.* **1** **4** **5** **Più Agitato.** 39-42 43-44

45 Tpt 1 *f* *f* *mp*

**3** **1** **6** **Andante.** *mp* **8** **rit....** 52-54 59-66

68 **1** **2** **7** **Poco più moto.** *a tempo* **2** **24** **accel..** 69-70 71-76 77-78 79-102

**8** **1** **3** **105-107** **104** *pp* **113** **6** **2** **9** **Poco più mosso.** *pp* *mf* *p* 115-120 121-122

10

rit.. a tempo 10 poco rit..... a tempo

2 10 2

126-127 129-138 139-140

Hn 1

4 3 accel..... rall.

145-148 150-152

*sf* *mf* *cresc.* *ff*

11

157 rall..... a tempo 1

159-164 170-173

*mp* *p*

2

12

Allegro. 16 poco rit..... a tempo 13

174-189 190-192 193-205

Hn 1

13

209 3

211-213

*f* *ff*

218 poco a poco accelerando Poco più mosso.

6 6 9

220-225 226-231 232-240

*sf*

241 rit..... 14 a tempo 9

242-243 244-252

Tpt 1

15

255 4 7

259-262 263-269

270

270

*pp* *p* *morendo*

280

280

*mf* *mp* *dim.* *pp* *rall.* *morendo*

291-292

17 *Moderato.* *sf* *accel.*

304-306

18 *Poco più mosso.* *accel.* 19 *Allegro.* *f*

316

15 *sf* *mf* *cresc.* *Tpt 1*

338

20 *Poco più mosso.* *sf* *accel.* *cresc.*

348-353

6 *Molto Allegro.* *ff* *sf* *rall.*

361

15 *pesante.* *sf* *rall.*



369 ..... **21** Allegro furioso.

*ff* *sf* 374-375 *sf*

377

*sf* *sf*

384 **22** **23** Poco più mosso.

*sf* *sf* 388-405 406-408 409-423

424 **1** rall.

Hn 1

434 **Meno mosso.**

*mf* 436-437 *mp* 440-449

**25** **24** Poco meno mosso. **25** Tempo Allegro moderato.

dim. e rall. 450-463 464-474 475-479 480-495 Hn 1

**26** rall..... **Molto moderato.**

*p* 501-502 *mp* *p*

**27**

505-506 *mp* *p* 509-511 512-515

516

28

accel... Poco più mosso.

*p* *mf* *p* 520-527 528-535 *mp* *sf*

538

accel..... Più mosso. rit.....rall. Tempo molto Moderato.

*mf* *sf* *mf* *sff*

30

547

rall..... a tempo

*sff* *sff* 551-552 *ff*

554

*sf* *sf*

560

Largamente.

rall.....

*mf* 563-566 567-570

## EPILOGUE

Lento molto espressivo.

1

1

2

1-7 9-12 13-31 32-40

3

accel.....

S. M.S. 46-48 49-50 *pp*

No man speaks, For who could hear?\_\_\_\_\_

5

Più agitato

54

4

*mp* *dim.* *pp* 59-68 69-70 71-74

poco accel. **8** **6** rall..... **1** poco agitato **6** molto accel..... **1**

75-82 Tpt 1 87-92

**7** 95 rall..... a tempo **11** **8** **12** **9** **14**

*mf* *fff* molto dim. *pp* 100-110 111-122 123-136

a tempo **2** **10** **11** rall..... **2**

137-138 139-149 151-152 Cl. 1

**11** a tempo

157 *pp* *mp cresc. poco a poco* *f*

**12** largamente

169 *cresc.* *mf* *cresc.* *ff*

180 rall..... **13** a tempo

*pp* 181-182 183-184 *mp*

189 Morendo.... rall.....

*p* *p* *pp*



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