



MEG BLANE

A Rhapsody of the Sea

FOR MEZZO SOPRANO SOLO, CHORUS , ORCHESTRA

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TROMBONE 1

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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Trombone 1

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 14 8

25-45 46-48 49-62 63-70 Tpt 2

rall. a tempo

4 5

73 accel. a tempo 9 2

78-86 87-88 *mp*

rall. a tempo

91 5 2

97-101 102-103

rall.

sf *mf* *f*

Moderato.

2 2 3

105-106 109-110

mf *mf*

END OF PROLOGUE

8

113-120

pp *sf*

1 2 9 4

1-2 6-14 15-18

mf *p*

Più tranquillo

3

19-21

Hn 4

mf

4

28

f \rightarrow *p*

poco rit..... Poco meno mosso. Animato.

33-34

f

36

rall..... a tempo

dim.

39-42

43-44

5

Più Agitato.

45

Tpt 1

f \rightarrow *f* \rightarrow *mp*

rall.....

3

1

6

Andante.

8

rit....

52-54

mp \rightarrow

59-66

68

a tempo

7

Poco più moto.

poco rit..... a tempo

accel..

69-70

71-76

77-78

79-102

8

104

rall..... a tempo

105-107

Hn 1

pp \rightarrow *pp*

114

9

Poco più mosso.

rit... a tempo

115-120

121-122

mf \rightarrow

125-127

129-138

10

poco rit. a tempo

2 4 3

139-140 145-148 150-152

mf *cresc.* *ff* *sf*

Hn 1

153 accel. rall. rall. 11 a tempo

1 6

159-164

mf *cresc.* *ff* *mp*

166 rall. poco a poco Allegro. 12 poco rit...

4 16 3

170-173 174-189 190-192

p

a tempo 13 13

193-205 211-213

Hn 1 *f*

215 poco a poco accelerando

6 6

220-225 226-231

ff *sf*

Poco più mosso. rit. 14 a tempo

9 2 9

232-240 242-243 244-252

253 Tpt 1 15

4 7

259-262 263-269

270

pp *p*

280

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

287-289

17 Moderato.

sf *2* *7* *accel.*

291-292 296-302

18 Poco più mosso.

19

f *rall.* *Allegro.*

304-306 307-309 310-311

316

sf *mf* *Tpt 1* *15*

319-333

20

mf *cresc.* *sf* *Poco più mosso.*

339-341

accel. Molto Allegro.

ff *sf*

348-353

361

f *cresc.* *rall.* *pesante*

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

ff *sf* *sf* 374-375

377

sf *sf*

384 **22** **Poco più mosso.**

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

424 **1** **Meno mosso.**

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

434 **2** **10**

mf *mp* 436-437 440-449

dim. e rall. **24** **Poco meno mosso.** accel..... **25** **Tempo Allegro moderato.**

450-463 464-474 475-479 480-495

26 **Molto moderato.**

p *mp* *p* 501-502 505-506

27

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

516

28

8

p *mf* *p* *mf*

520-527

531

29

4

1

accel... Poco più mosso. accel..... Più mosso.

mp *sf* *mf* *sf*

532-535

542

1

rit.....rall. Tempo molto Moderato. rall.....

mf *sff* *sff* *sff*

30

2

a tempo

ff

551-552

559

Largamente.

4

rall.....

mf

563-566 567-570

EPILOGUE

1

Lento molto espressivo.

7

4

1

19

2

9

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

3

41

S. M.S.

accel.....

rall

a tempo

pp

No man speaks, For who could hear?_____

46-48 49-50

54

4

1

10

2

4

Più agitato

mp *dim.* *pp*

59-68 69-70 71-74

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

75-82 Tpt 1 87-92 *mf* cresc. poco a poco

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

95 *sff* 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*

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

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

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

p *p* *pp*



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