



ODE TO THE SEA

Soprano Solo, Chorus, and Orchestra

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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.

The English Heritage Music Series has been created to ensure that these compositions are preserved, are accessible for scholarly research and, most importantly, are available for performance by future generations. Its mission is to:

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ODE TO THE SEA

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No. 1 - Overture

Adagio

10

1-10

Vln I

pp

16

A

7

22-28

29

Allegro

pp

36

3

42-44

f

45

B

2

sf

49-50

f

53

6

59-64

ff

66

C

1

19

69-87

Vln I

D

91

7

98-104

sf

105

pp *sf* **E** **2** *f* 110-111

113

7

114-120

ff

F

125

12

126-137

pp

The first system of the musical score is for the vocal part. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody starts on a whole note G4, followed by a quarter rest, and then a half note G4. A thick black bar indicates a 12-measure rest, labeled '12' above and '126-137' below. The melody resumes with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note Bb4, and a quarter note G4. The system ends with a double bar line. The dynamic marking 'pp' (pianissimo) is placed below the staff, and a hairpin crescendo symbol is shown at the bottom right.

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151

The first system of the musical score is written on a single staff in bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains six measures. The first three measures each begin with a quarter rest followed by a quarter note, then a half note, and finally a whole note. The notes in these measures are G2, F2, and E2 respectively. The fourth measure is a whole rest, with a fermata above it and the number '2' above the fermata. The fifth measure begins with a quarter rest followed by a quarter note, then a half note, and finally a whole note. The notes in these measures are D2, C2, and B1 respectively. The sixth measure is a whole note, with a fermata above it and the number '2' above the fermata. The notes in this measure are A1 and G1. The system ends with a double bar line. Dynamics include an accent (>) under the first measure, a forte (f) dynamic under the fifth measure, and a fortissimo (ff) dynamic under the sixth measure. The tempo marking '154-155' is placed below the fourth measure.

159

159

The first system of the musical score is written in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of eight measures. The first measure contains a whole rest, with the number '4' above it and the range '166-169' below it. The second measure contains a whole note F#4, with the dynamic marking 'ff' below it. The third measure contains a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G#4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4, all with 'ff' below the first measure. The fourth measure contains a quarter note C#5 (marked with a circled sharp), a quarter rest, and a half rest. The fifth measure contains a whole rest, with the number '1' above it. The sixth measure contains a whole rest, with a box containing the letter 'H' above it. The seventh measure contains a whole rest, with the number '22' above it. The eighth measure contains a whole rest, with the range '174-195' below it.

196

J

sf *sf*

203-209

209

Hn 3

Vivace

8

210-217

ff

224

230

V.S.

131

2

16

Q

pp

133-134

135-150

Timp.

152

pp

No. 3 - "Fearful and Vast"

Allegro non troppo

6
1-6
f

14
R
poco rall
8
22-29

30
rit. 1 S a tempo 12
32-43
S. Solo
Cold with the spray and wet, Is blown her float -

49
- ing *pp* G.P. 1
f

59
T
rall e dim..... Andante 3 19
64-66 67-85
ff

86
U
poco rit..... 1 6 11
87-92 93-103
S. Solo
sleep, her trem - u - lous hope_con - fides. rall.....

108
V a tempo
At last the sun a - ris - es on the *pp*

115
7 6
117-123 124-129

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130 S. Solo W

to see the won - d'ring fish - er - man With gen - tle eyes be - hold - ing her; *f*

4 **8** **poco rall** **2** **a tempo**

137-140 141-148 149-150 *ff*

153 **rall.**

No. 4 - "Mother of England"

Allegro

13

f

7

X

15

1-13

17-23

24-38

39

Y

ff

Hn 1

48

55

1

2

5

58-59

63-67

68

f

7

70-76

f

d. = d

1

6
4

82

1

ff

88

93

97

4

101

Z

8

103-110

ff

113

AA

12

119-130

Hn 1

132

p *mf* *f*

141

BB

CC

31

145-175

13

176-188

ff

189

pp

Hn 1

No. 5 - "Out of the Armed Night"

Adagio non troppo.

DD

10

2

1-10 Hn 2 14-15 *pp*

This block contains the first system of music. It starts with a bass clef and a key signature of two flats. Measures 1-10 are indicated by a thick black bar. Measures 11-13 are whole rests. Measures 14-15 are indicated by another thick black bar. The dynamic *pp* is marked at the end of the system.

17

mf

This block contains the second system of music, starting at measure 17. It continues with the bass clef and two-flat key signature. Measures 17-23 are written out with various note values and slurs. The dynamic *mf* is marked at the end of the system.

8 24-31 *pp* *f* *f*

This block contains the third system of music, starting at measure 24. Measures 24-31 are indicated by a thick black bar. The dynamic *pp* is marked at the start of the system, and *f* is marked at the end.

37

4 14 *pp* 40-43 45-58 Allegro

This block contains the fourth system of music, starting at measure 37. Measures 37-39 are written out. Measures 40-43 are indicated by a thick black bar. Measures 44-45 are written out with a key signature change to one flat. Measures 46-58 are indicated by another thick black bar. The tempo marking *Allegro* appears above the system. Dynamics *pp* and *f* are marked.

59

p *p*

This block contains the fifth system of music, starting at measure 59. Measures 59-68 are written out with various note values and slurs. The dynamic *p* is marked at the start and end of the system.

70

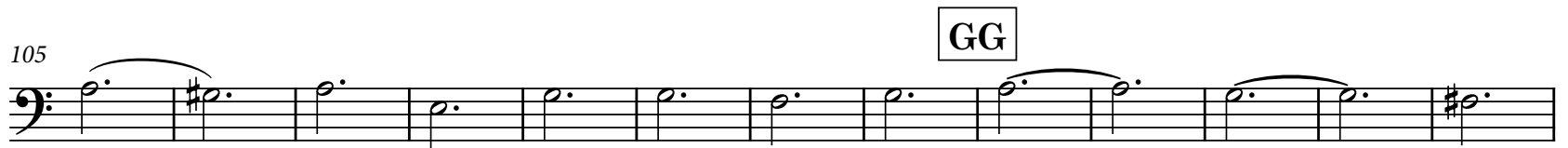
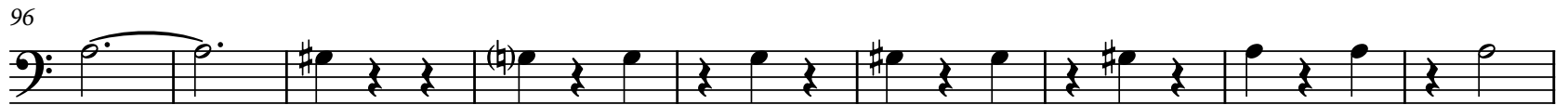
EE 2 76-77 *p*

This block contains the sixth system of music, starting at measure 70. Measures 70-75 are written out with slurs. Measures 76-77 are indicated by a thick black bar. The dynamic *p* is marked at the end of the system.

81

2 5 FF 83-84 85-89 *ff*

This block contains the seventh system of music, starting at measure 81. Measures 81-82 are written out. Measures 83-84 are indicated by a thick black bar. Measures 85-89 are indicated by another thick black bar. The dynamic *ff* is marked at the end of the system.



No. 6 - "In England's Name"

Maestoso

11

1-11

Hn 1

ff

19

JJ

1

6

22-27

ff

31

1

38

2

40-41

ff

46

KK

1

3

49-51

ff

56

63

4

65-68

ppp

Tranquillo.

LL

Andante.

MM

10

25

25

76-85

86-110

111-135

Poco più mosso. NN

14 **7**

136-149 150-156

Hn 1 *f*

162 OO **5** **1** *rall.....* **Tempo primo**

165-169 *p* *f*

173 PP **4** **8**

175-178 179-186 *pp*

190 **3** *poco rit.*

191-193 *ppp* *pp*

No. 7 - “O While Around Our Shores”

Allegro Moderato

20 **QQ** **11** **RR** **16**

f 3-22 23-33 34-49

Più mosso
Hn 1 8ba

SS **4** **7**

50-53 54-60

68 **2**

70-71 *ff*

TT **29** **UU** **6**

77-83 *ff* 86-114 115-120 Hn 1 8ba

122 *ff*

130

137 **VV** **5**

144-148

WW

149 *f* *ff*

183 **Allegro** **22**

189-210

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237

6 **10** **Poco meno mosso** **ZZ**

240-245 246-255 *ff*

258

259-261

ff

266  **poco rall.**

278 **a tempo**



Musical notation for measures 278-282. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The notation includes a slur over measures 278 and 279, and a repeat sign at the end of measure 282.

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