



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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- Provide open Internet access to the scores to facilitate study, performance and sharing of performance material (program notes, audio, reviews, etc.)

In preparing the English Heritage Music Series editions, every effort has been made to adhere strictly to the notation contained in the manuscripts. Because of the passage of time and its effect on the condition of the manuscript, the absence of clear information often times by the composer in notating divided instruments, and with emendations in the composer and other hands resulting from use of the manuscript in performance, there were numerous circumstances which required interpretation and decisions for notes, accidentals, dynamics, articulations and tempi. Should questions arise in the use of these editions, the composers’ autograph manuscripts and the Novello vocal scores should be consulted for clarification.

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Adagio

No. 1 - Overture

Cl. in A

pp

7

10-12

pp

16

pp

pp

A

23

To Cl. in Bb

4

Bsn 1

25-28

Allegro

Cl. in Bb

p

33

37

4

38-41

ff

2

45-46

47 B

ff *p* *f*

53

58

ff

64 C

ff

70

p *p*

76

5
79-83
mf

86

92 D

ff *sf* *sf*

4
99-102 *pp* *sf* E 2
108-109

110 *ff*

116

123 F 6
126-131 *pp*

133 *pp*

139 G 4
143-146

147 *ff* 2 150-151 *ff* *p*

155 *f* *ff* To Cl. in A 6
160-165

166 Ob. 1 Cl. in A *ff*

173 **H** *f*

179 *p* 5 184-188

189 *mf*

195 **J** *sf sf*

202 **6** *Vivace* *sf* 204-209 *pp cresc. poco a poco*

214

222

230 V.S.

No. 2 - "Mother of Immemorial Desire"

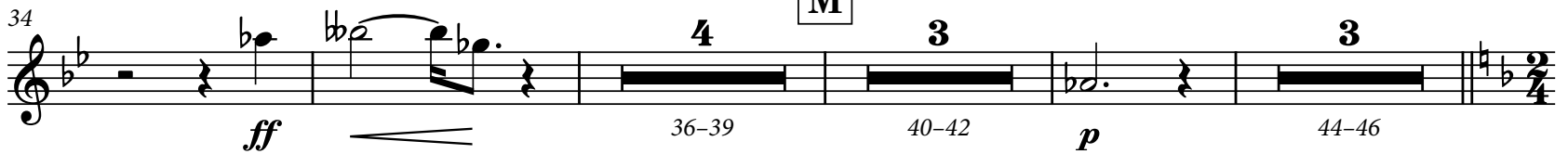
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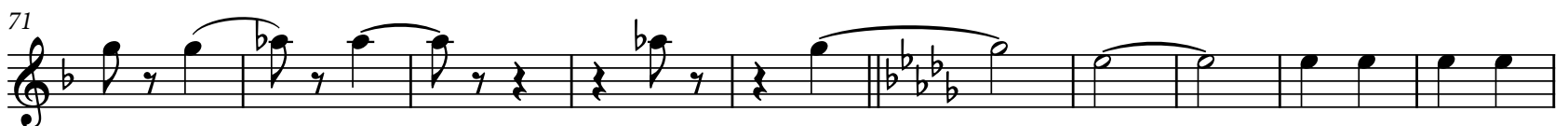
Cl. in A



L



Più mosso.



90

3

92-94

ff

101

4

105-108

ff

P

111

Meno mosso.

16

119-134

Q

11

Ob. 1

3

135-145

149-151

152

pp

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Allegro non troppo

No. 3 - "Fearful and Vast"

Cl. in Bb

f

6

sf

1

3

10-12

ff

15

R

poco rall

8

22-29

30

rit.

S a tempo

1

f

8

36-43

44

p

2

47-48

pp

7

51-57

58

G.P.

T

ff

rall e dim.....

66

Andante

1

p

2

71-72

p

74

1

p

U

poco rit...

80

82-83

87-92

93-99

S. Solo

And she to the mur - m'ring tides, And hap - py sleep, her trem - u - lous

V

rall.....

a tempo

106

hope_con

pp

110-114

f

118

pp

124-126

mf

128

f

W

136

p

139-140

f

145

poco rall

a tempo

153

rall.

Allegro

No. 4 - "Mother of England"

Cl. in Bb

6

1-6

f

11

7

17-23

X

12

24-35

f

Y

4

44-47

ff

53

62

6

63-68

f

6

71-76

77

ff

(b)

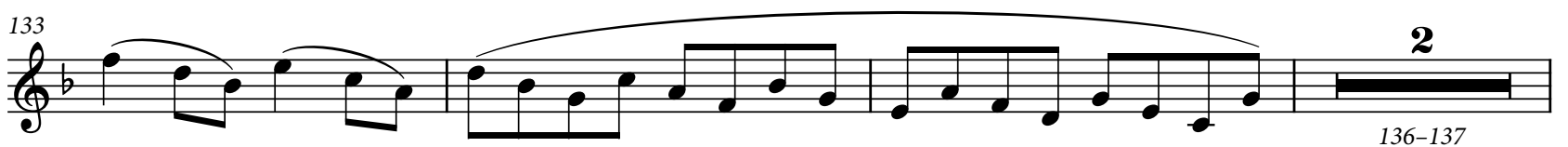
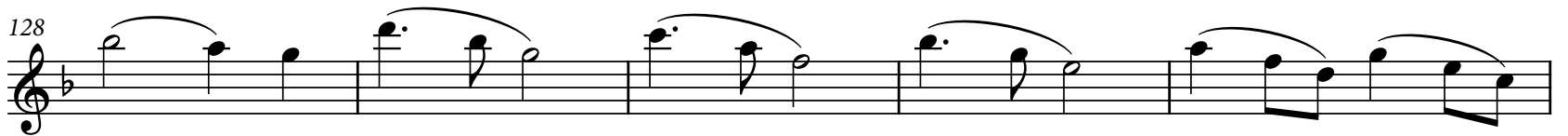
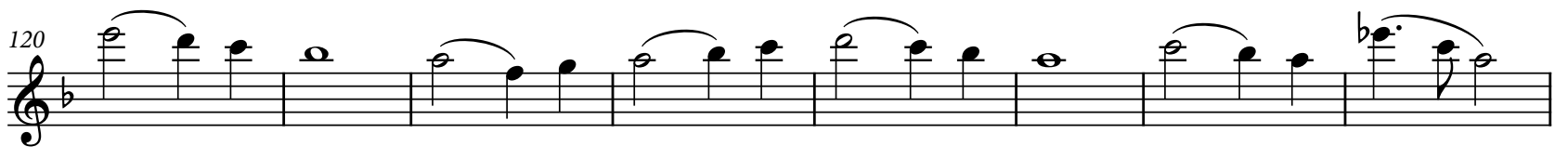
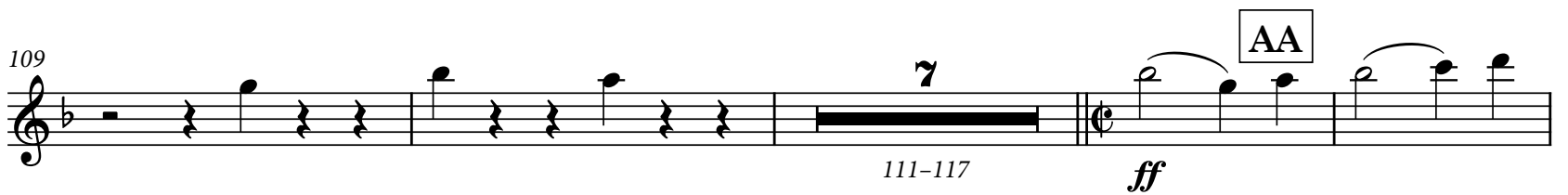
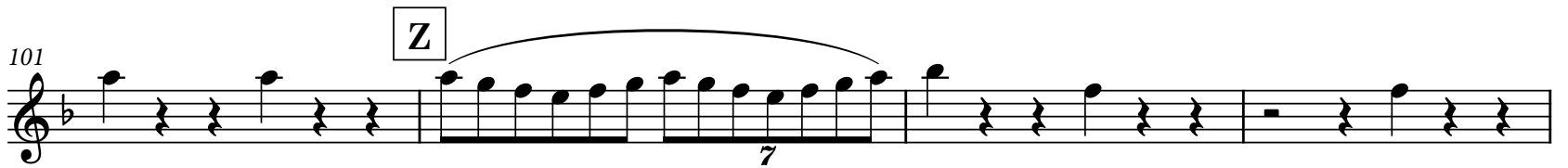
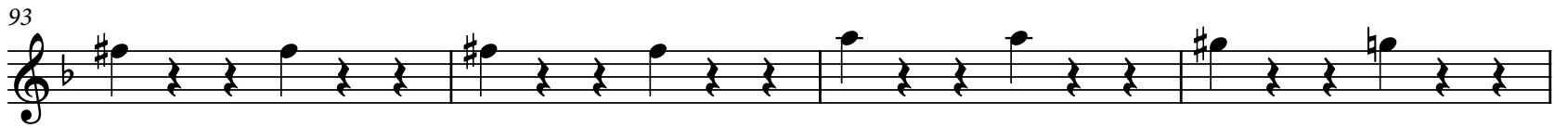
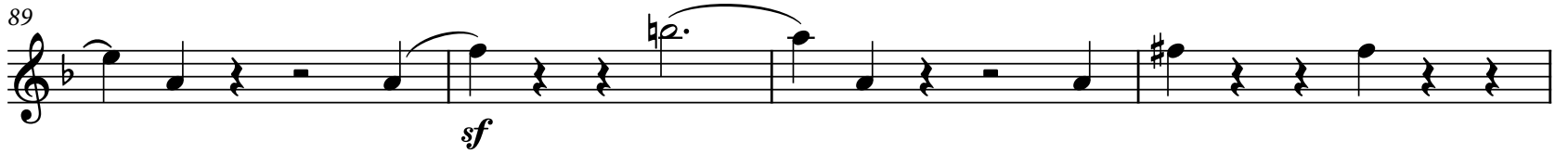
1

ff

d. = d

83

sf



138

mf *f* *ff*

BB

11

145-155

156

p

16

CC

13

160-175 176-188

189

pp

Hn 1

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Adagio non troppo.

No. 5 - “Out of the Armed Night”

Cl. in B $\flat$ [illegible]

26

5

28-32

f

37 Musical score for measures 37-40 of "Allegro". The score is in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. Measure 37: Treble clef, G4 quarter note with an accent (>). Measure 38: G4-A4-B4 quarter notes, tied to measure 39. Measure 39: G4 quarter note, tied to measure 40. Measure 40: G4 quarter note, tied to measure 41. Dynamics: *pp*. Tempo: **Allegro**.

The first system of the musical score is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It begins with a 13-measure rest, indicated by a thick black bar and the number '13' above it, with the measure numbers '45-57' written below. This is followed by two measures of music, each containing a dotted quarter note and an eighth rest, beamed together, with a dynamic marking of *pp* (pianissimo) below. Then comes a 3-measure rest, indicated by a thick black bar and the number '3' above it, with the measure numbers '60-62' written below. The system concludes with two more measures of music, each containing a dotted quarter note and an eighth rest, beamed together, with a dynamic marking of *mf* (mezzo-forte) below.

65

1

mf

EE

71



77

2

80-81

mf

84 **FF**

Musical staff 84-90: Treble clef, key signature of one flat (Bb). Measures 84-90 contain eighth and sixteenth notes with triplets and slurs. Measure 90 ends with a double bar line and two eighth rests.

91

Musical staff 91-98: Treble clef, key signature of one flat (Bb). Measures 91-98 contain half notes and quarter notes with slurs. Measure 98 contains a whole rest with a '7' above it, indicating a 7-measure rest. Measure 99-105 is a 7-measure rest. Measure 106 ends with a double bar line and a half note.

99-105 *ff*

107 **GG**

Musical staff 107-116: Treble clef, key signature of one flat (Bb). Measures 107-116 contain half notes and quarter notes with slurs. Measure 116 ends with a double bar line and a half note.

117

Musical staff 117-128: Treble clef, key signature of one flat (Bb). Measures 117-128 contain half notes and quarter notes with slurs. Measure 128 ends with a double bar line and a half note.

HH **Tempo primo**

129

Musical staff 129-135: Treble clef, key signature of one flat (Bb). Measures 129-135 contain half notes and quarter notes with slurs. Measure 130-131 is a 2-measure rest. Measure 132-133 is a 2-measure rest. Measure 134-135 is a 2-measure rest. Measure 136 ends with a double bar line and a half note.

130-131 *ff* *ff*

136

Musical staff 136-140: Treble clef, key signature of one flat (Bb). Measures 136-140 contain half notes and quarter notes with slurs. Measure 140 ends with a double bar line and a half note.

141

Musical staff 141-145: Treble clef, key signature of one flat (Bb). Measures 141-145 contain half notes and quarter notes with slurs. Measure 145 ends with a double bar line and a half note.

ff

146

Musical staff 146-150: Treble clef, key signature of one flat (Bb). Measures 146-150 contain half notes and quarter notes with slurs. Measure 150 ends with a double bar line and a half note.

151

Musical staff 151-155: Treble clef, key signature of one flat (Bb). Measures 151-155 contain half notes and quarter notes with slurs. Measure 155 ends with a double bar line and a half note.

No. 6 - "In England's Name"

Maestoso

Cl. in A

1-2

f

8

10-11

f

14-15

ff

17

3

1

JJ

3

22-24

f

26

f

ff

34

1

42

3

44-48

5

49-51

3

55

62

71

To Cl. in Bb

3

72-74

Tranquillo.

11

75-85

LL

Andante.

25

86-110

MM **Poco più mosso.** Cl. in Bb

25 3

111-135 136-138 Ob. 1

p

144 **NN** 2

151-152

153 *f* 3

159 **OO** 2

165-166

167 *f* rall.....To.Cl.in.A **1** **Tempo primo** Bsn 1

174 *p* **PP** 3

182

189 *pp* poco rit. 3

191-193

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No. 7 - "O While Around Our Shores"

Allegro Moderato

Cl. in A

8
3-10
f

13
6
16-21
ff
QQ

24
6
28-33
p $\rightarrow$ *pp*
RR

36
10
40-49
pp
SS

53
To Cl. in Bb
6
55-60
ff
Cl. in Bb

64
2
70-71

72
3
ff
7
77-83

84
TT
ff

165

ff

175 *poco rit.* **XX**

184 **Allegro** **23** Hn 1 8ba

213 **YY** **2** *f*

221

227 **5** *ff*

238 **Poco meno mosso** **6** *mf*

249 *ff*

255 **ZZ** **2**

261

f

268

1

274

poco rall.

280

a tempo

284

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