



ODE TO THE SEA

Soprano Solo, Chorus, and Orchestra

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OBOE 1

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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).

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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No. 1 - Overture

Adagio

7

10-12

pp

16

1

pp

A

1

pp

23

3

2

27-28

30

Allegro

1

1

mf

36

4

38-41

ff

44

2

45-46

ff

B

2

49-50

51

51-57: Musical staff with treble clef, key signature of two flats, and common time. It begins with a forte (*f*) dynamic and a crescendo hairpin. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes with various slurs and ties.

58

58-63: Musical staff continuing the melody. It features a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic marking and a crescendo hairpin. The notes are mostly eighth notes with some slurs.

64

64-70: Musical staff with a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic. A box labeled 'C' is placed above the staff at measure 69. The melody continues with eighth and quarter notes.

10

70-79: Musical staff with a ten-measure rest indicated by a thick black bar. The dynamic is piano (*p*). The staff continues with a melodic phrase starting at measure 79.

84

84-91: Musical staff with a five-measure rest indicated by a thick black bar. The dynamic is fortissimo (*ff*). The staff continues with a melodic phrase starting at measure 91.

D

95

95-104: Musical staff with a six-measure rest indicated by a thick black bar. Dynamics include *sf*, *sf*, *pp*, and *sf*. The staff continues with a melodic phrase starting at measure 104.

E

107

107-112: Musical staff with a one-measure rest (labeled '1') and a two-measure rest (labeled '2'). The dynamic is fortissimo (*ff*). The staff continues with a melodic phrase starting at measure 112.

113

113-118: Musical staff with a melodic phrase consisting of eighth and quarter notes with various slurs and ties.

119

119-124: Musical staff with a melodic phrase consisting of eighth and quarter notes with various slurs and ties.

F

125 **6**
126-131 *pp*

136 *mf*

G

142 **4**
143-146 *ff* **2**
150-151

152 *ff* **2**
154-155 *f* *ff*

6
160-165 *ff*

H

170 **10**
175-184 *f*

185 *p*

191 **5**
192-196 *f*

J

200 *sf* *sf* *sf* **6**
204-209

210 **Vivace**

pp cresc. poco a poco

217

225

231

V.S.

The musical score for Oboe 1 consists of four staves of music. The first staff (measures 210-216) begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature. It starts with a rest, followed by a series of notes with slurs, and ends with a crescendo hairpin. The second staff (measures 217-224) continues the melodic line with slurs and a double bar line. The third staff (measures 225-230) shows a continuation of the melody with some accidentals. The fourth staff (measures 231-238) concludes the passage with a final double bar line and the marking 'V.S.'.

No. 2 - "Mother of Immemorial Desire"

K **Maestoso**

8 5

pp 2-9 *f* 3 13-17

18 **L** 2 23-24 *ff*

26 **M** 6 28-33 *ff* 4 36-39 7 40-46

Più mosso. **N** 13 47-59 *ff* Cl. 1

68

77

O 85 3 92-94

95

ff

104

ff

105-108

P

116

Meno mosso.

16

Q

4

119-134

135-138

Bsn 1

140

4

142-145

pp

148

6

149-154

pp

No. 3 - "Fearful and Vast"

Allegro non troppo

6
1-6 *f* 5
8-12 *ff*

16 **R** poco rall 8
22-29

30 rit. **S** a tempo 1 8
f 36-43

44 *p* *pp*

52-53 2 *p* 56-57 2 G.P. 1 **T** *ff*

62 rall e dim..... Andante 3
p 68-70

71 *pp* 2 73-74 *pp* 1

79 **U** poco rit... 4 1 6 14
p 82-85 87-92 93-106

V

rall..... a tempo

2 **7** **3**

107-108 109-115 116-118

Cl. 1

123

1 **4**

mf 131-134

W

135

2 **1**

f *p* 139-140 *f*

144

poco rall a tempo

152

rall.

No. 4 - "Mother of England"

Allegro

1-6

f

11

17-23

X

24-35

f

42

Y

44-47

ff

52

60

63-68

f

71-76

Detailed description: This is a musical score for Oboe 1, titled "No. 4 - 'Mother of England'". The tempo is marked "Allegro". The score is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a time signature of 2/2. The piece is divided into measures, with some measures grouped by a bracket and a number. The first system contains measures 1-6, marked with a bracket and the number 6. The second system contains measures 11-23, marked with a bracket and the number 7. The third system contains measures 24-35, marked with a bracket and the number 12. The fourth system contains measures 42-47, marked with a bracket and the number 4. The fifth system contains measures 52-60. The sixth system contains measures 60-76, marked with a bracket and the number 6. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and dynamic markings. The first system starts with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The second system has a crescendo hairpin. The third system has a forte (*f*) dynamic. The fourth system has a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic. The fifth system has a crescendo hairpin. The sixth system has a forte (*f*) dynamic. There are also some markings like "X" and "Y" in boxes above the staff.

77 *ff* *d. = d* **1** *ff*

83 *sf*

89 *sf*

93

97 **4**

101 **Z** **7**

104

108 **7** 111-117

118 **AA** *ff*

125

Musical notation for measures 125-130. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some notes beamed together. Measure 125 starts with a treble clef and a key signature change to B-flat major. The melody is: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter). Measure 126: C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter). Measure 127: B2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), G2 (quarter), F2 (quarter), E2 (quarter), D2 (quarter), C2 (quarter), B1 (quarter). Measure 128: A1 (quarter), G1 (quarter), F1 (quarter), E1 (quarter), D1 (quarter), C1 (quarter), B0 (quarter), A0 (quarter). Measure 129: G0 (quarter), F0 (quarter), E0 (quarter), D0 (quarter), C0 (quarter), B-1 (quarter), A-1 (quarter), G-1 (quarter). Measure 130: F-1 (quarter), E-1 (quarter), D-1 (quarter), C-1 (quarter), B-2 (quarter), A-2 (quarter), G-2 (quarter), F-2 (quarter).

158

16

CC

13

160-175

176-188

Hn 1

192

pp

No. 5 - "Out of the Armed Night"

Adagio non troppo.

DD

10 2

1-10 Cl. 1 14-15

p

17 1

p *f*

23 5

28-32

33 4

f 40-43

d. = d

44 Allegro 13 3

45-57 60-62

pp *mf*

64 1 3 3 3

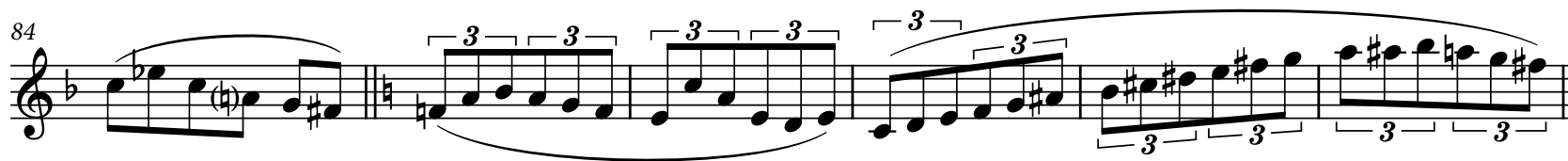
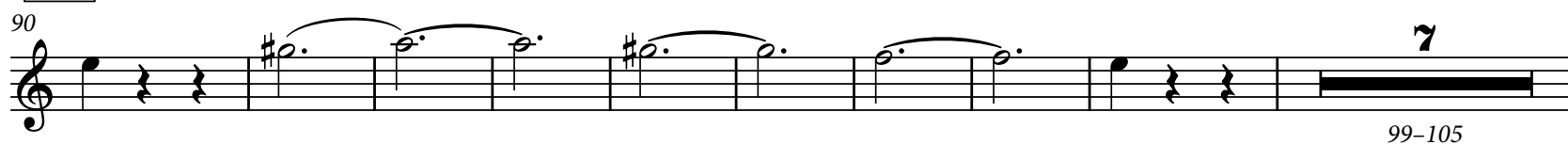
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70 EE

76 2

80-81

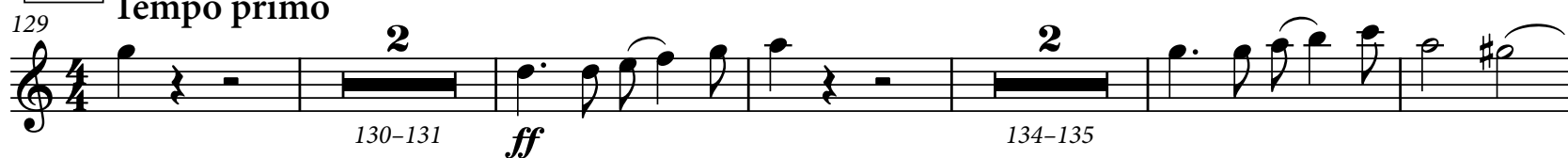
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**FF**

99-105

**GG****HH**

Tempo primo



130-131

ff

134-135

**ff**

No. 6 - "In England's Name"

Maestoso

11

1-11

*f**ff*³

17

JJ

1

4

22-25

26

*f**ff*

33

1

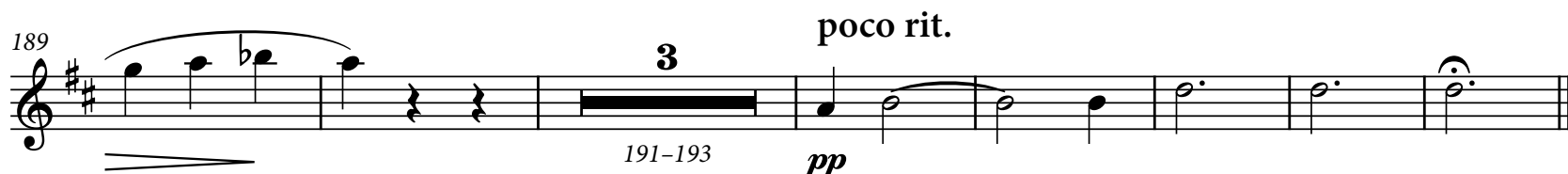
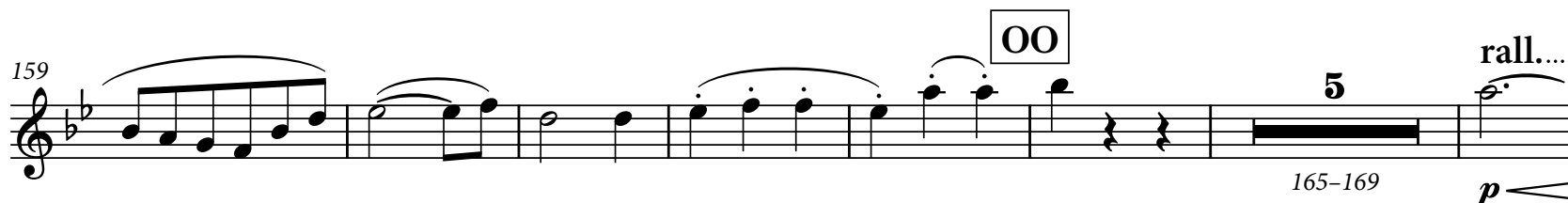
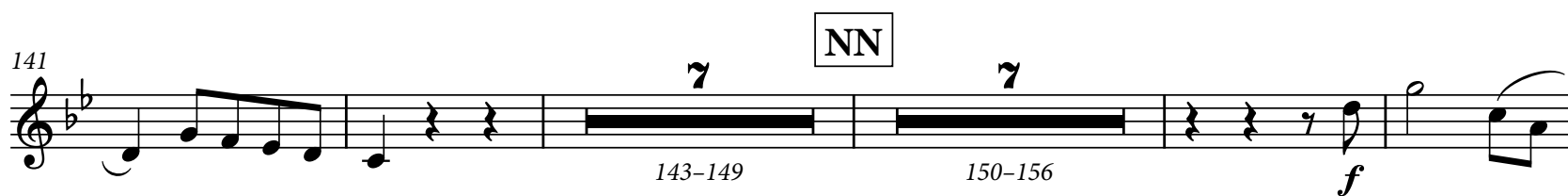
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46

KK

52

f



No. 7 - "O While Around Our Shores"

Allegro Moderato

8
3-10
f

15
6
16-21
ff
QQ

27
6
28-33
8
34-41
S.
Or where the ice - berg glim - mers white A -
RR

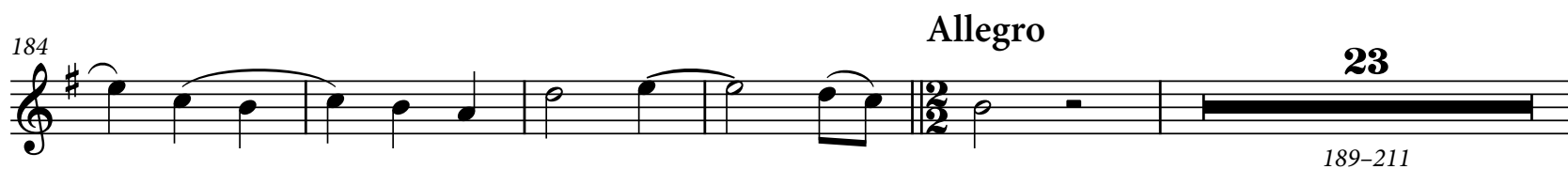
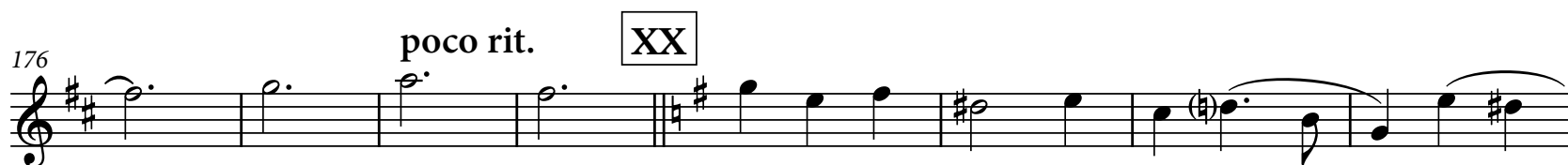
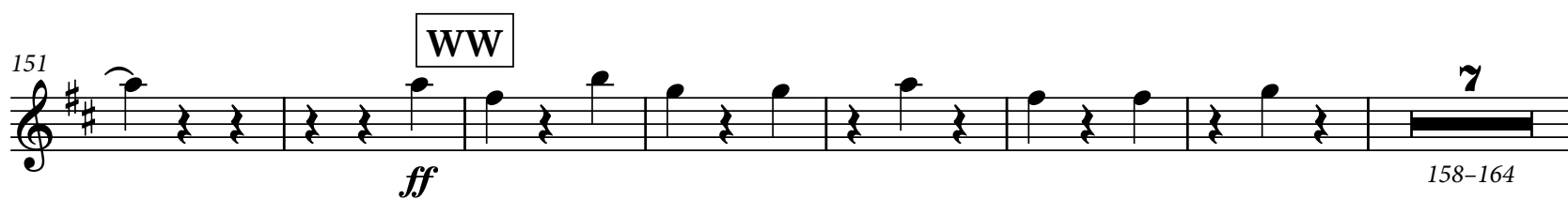
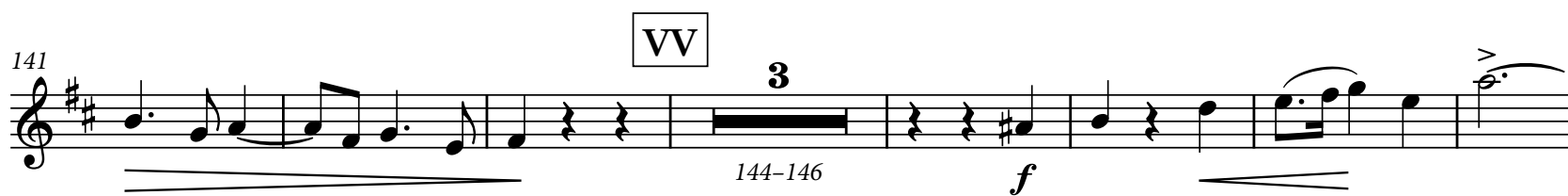
47
6
55-60
pp
SS
- cross the fro - zen Arc - tic

61
Più mosso
ff

69
2
70-71
ff
3
3

77-83
ff
TT
7

90
22
92-113
ff
UU
b



212 Hn 1 8ba

YY

2

215-216

f

221

228

5

230-234

ff

Poco meno mosso

6

240-245

mf

252

ZZ

ff

259-260

2

f

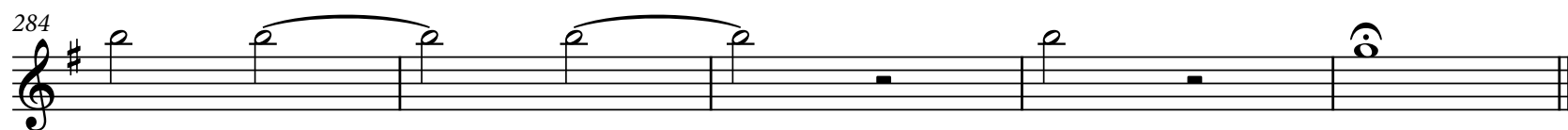
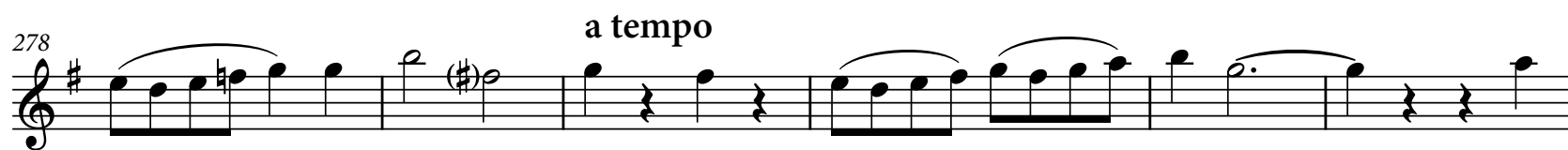
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266

1

272

poco rall.





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