



THE
BATTLE OF THE BALTIC

POEM BY

Thomas Campbell

MUSIC FOR

Chorus, and Orchestra

BY

Charles Villiers Stanford
(1891)

OBOE 1

COVER IMAGE

“The Battle of Copenhagen”

John Thomas Serres

1801

National Maritime Museum

Greenwich, London, Caird Collection



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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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I.

Or Nelson and the North,
Sing the glorious day's renown,
When to battle fierce came forth
All the might of Denmark's crown,
And her arms along the deep proudly shone;
By each gun the lighted brand,
In a bold determined hand,
And the Prince of all the land
Led them on.

II.

Like leviathans afloat,
Lay their bulwarks on the brine;
While the sign of battle flew
On the lofty British line;
It was ten of April morn by the chime;
As they drifted on their path,
There was silence deep as death;
And the boldest held his breath.
For a time.

III.

But the might of England flushed
To anticipate the scene;
And her van the fleeter rushed
O'er the deadly space between.
"Hearts of oak!" our captain cried; when
each gun
From its adamant lips
Spread a death-shade round the ships,
Like the hurricane eclipse
Of the sun.

IV.

Again! again! again!
And the havoc did not slack,
Till a feeble cheer the Dane
To our cheering sent us back—
Their shots along the deep slowly boom—
Then ceased—and all is wail,
As they strike the shattered sail;
Or, in conflagration pale,
Light the gloom.

V.

Out spoke the victor then,
As he hailed them o'er the wave;
"Ye are brothers! ye are men!
And we conquer but to save—
So peace instead of death let us bring;
But yield, proud foe, thy fleet,
With the crews, at England's feet,
And make submission meet
To our King."

VI.

Then Denmark blest our chief,
That he gave her wounds repose;
And the sounds of joy and grief
From her people wildly rose,
As death withdrew his shades from the day,
While the sun looked smiling bright
O'er a wide and woeful sight,
Where the fires of funeral light
Died away.

VII.

Now joy, old England, raise!
For the tidings of thy might,
By the festal cities' blaze,
While the wine-cup shines in light;
And yet amidst that joy and uproar,
Let us think of them that sleep,
Full many a fathom deep,
By thy wild and stormy steep,
Elsinore!

VIII.

Brave hearts! to Britain's pride
Once so faithful and so true,
On the deck of fame that died,
With the gallant good Riou:
Soft sigh the winds of heaven o'er their grave!
While the billow mournful rolls
And the mermaid's song condole,
Singing glory to the souls
Of the brave!

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Allegro molto moderato ma deciso.

The musical score for Oboe 1 consists of seven staves of music. The first staff (measures 1-7) is in B-flat major, 2/4 time, and begins with a triplet of eighth notes (measures 1-3) and a forte (f) dynamic. The second staff (measures 8-16) includes a section marked 'A' (measures 9-16) with an 8-measure rest. The third staff (measures 17-31) features a 5-measure rest (measures 21-25) and a 3-measure rest (measures 29-31). The fourth staff (measures 32-39) includes an 'accelerando' marking (measures 32-33) and a 'Più mosso' section (measures 34-39). The fifth staff (measures 40-49) includes a section marked 'B' (measures 40-49) and a 'poco rit.' marking. The sixth staff (measures 50-58) includes a 'Un poco più Allegro. ♩ = 126' marking and a 2-measure rest (measures 57-58). The seventh staff (measures 59-62) continues the melodic line. Dynamics include f, mf, and p. The key signature changes from B-flat major to B major at measure 40.

67 

73

dim. **4** *f*

75-78

83

1

ff

88

dim.

1

93

mf *p*

97 D

1

mf

3 3

3 3

2

101-102

103

mp *pp* *f* *pp*

111

f *p* *p*

E

122

f *ff* *f*

Allegro giusto. ♩ = 112

130

f

132-133

139

sf *sf*

F

147

sf *sf*

F

153

sf *sf*

F

159

sf *sf*

G

165 **9** Fl. 1 167-175

181 **6** **1** Lento assai. ♩ = 80 **7** 184-189 *p* 193-199

200 **6** 204-209 *pp*

212 **1** **2** **H** 216-217

4 220-223 *mp* *mf* **1** *mf*

Allegro giusto. ♩ = 112 **6** 229-234 *p* **6** 238-243 **4** 244-247

J tranquillo. **7** Cl. 1 *fp* 248-254

262 **11** **K** **8** Fl. 1 **2** 263-273 274-281 286-287

288 *mf* *dim.* 292-298 *p* 301-315

Cl. 1 316 *pp* 323-325

Allegro assai vivace. ♩ = 84 [326] staccato *f* 1

335 *mf* *f*

4 L 342-345 *f*

353

360 367-369 3

370 *sf* M 1 2 379-380

381 **6** **1**
mf 383–388 *mf* *più f*

395 **1**
f

404 **N**
cresc. *ff*

412

419 **2**
sf sf sf sf sf dim. sf 427–428

18
 429–446 *p*

O
 Tempo I [Allegro molto moderato]
5 **10**
 453–457 458–467 *p*

472 **3** **3**
 474–476 477–479
 Un poco più Lento. ♩ = 76

480

pp

485

2 **13** **P**

486-487 488-500

503

2 *pp*

506-507



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