

Lizzie Dies To Night

Words by
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A card was found among the effects
of the wrecked steamer Hungarian, bearing
the inscription: "Lizzie Dies to night."

Music by
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Lento

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It begins with a piano introduction in D major, 2/4 time, marked 'Lento'. The piano part features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the right hand and a more active bass line in the left hand. The vocal melody enters at measure 8 with the lyrics '1. 'Twas hard, our part - ing, moth - er dear, It gave you un - told'. The score includes four verses of lyrics. The piano accompaniment continues throughout, with chord changes indicated above the staff. The key signature remains D major throughout the piece.

8 *con espressione* D D E7/G#

1. 'Twas hard, our part - ing, moth - er dear, It gave you un - told
2. I've been so hap - py, moth - er dear, When bright - est sum - mer
3. I'm think - ing, moth - er, of the time, When lit - tle Wil - lie
4. I know you're dream - ing, moth - er dear, Of all these dan - gers

12 A D D Em A7

pain; But hope was strong with - in our hearts That we should meet a -
smiled. The friends who love me far a - way, Have guard - ed well your
died; We laid him down with burst - ing hearts, My fath - er's tomb be -
past; Per - haps you'll nev - er know how hard Death came to me at

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16 D G G D

gain. There's health up - on my cheek once more, And in my eye new
child; They've brought me al - most back a - gain To you and home's de -
side. 'Twas then you feared my ten - der form Would van - ish from the
last. I'm al - most in your arms a - gain, God make you bur - den

20 A7 D D Em A7 D

light. 'Twill all be quenched in o - cean's gloom, For Liz-zie dies to-night!
light, But I will nev - er see you more, For Liz-zie dies to-night!
light, But ah! my grave is 'neath the wave, For Liz-zie dies to-night!
light. I nev - er more can cheer your heart, For Liz-zie dies to-night!

25 G REFRAIN G D *rit.* A7 D

REFRAIN

Liz-zie dies to-night, Moth-er, Liz-zie dies to-night!

rit. *a tempo*