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# THE SEA-MAIDEN

A MUSICAL RECITATION

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# The Sea-Maiden

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*Allegretto con grazia*

*p*

*mf* *p*

*f*

It was ages and ages ago in life's first wonder I

found you, Virgilia, wild sea-heart; And 'twas ages ago that we went a -

sunder, Ages and worlds a-part.

*mf*

Your lightsome laugh and your hair's dark

*mp* *mp* *mf* *Animato* *riten.*

glory, I knew them of old by an ocean stream,

In a far, first world, now turned to

*mf* *mf*

story, Now faded back to dream.

*dim.* *poco rit.* *Allegro* *mf legato*

I saw you there with the sea-girls fleeing, And I

The first system of the musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It contains several measures of chords, some with slurs and crescendo/decrescendo hairpins. The lower staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one flat, featuring a continuous eighth-note accompaniment pattern.

followed fast over rock and reef; And you sent a sea-fire into my being,

The second system continues the piano accompaniment. The upper staff shows a progression of chords, with a key change to two flats (B-flat and E-flat) occurring in the final measures. The lower staff maintains the eighth-note accompaniment pattern.

The lure of the lyric grief.

The third system features more complex piano accompaniment. The upper staff includes melodic lines with slurs and fingerings (e.g., 1, 4, 1, 3). The lower staff also has melodic lines with slurs and fingerings. Dynamic markings include *sfz* and *mf*. The system concludes with a key signature change to three sharps (F#, C#, G#).

**L'istesso tempo**

One after one the stars were slipping, Pearl after pearl to the bowl of

The fourth system, marked **L'istesso tempo**, features a more active piano accompaniment. The upper staff has a series of chords with slurs and dynamic markings of *f*, *mf*, and *mp*. The lower staff provides harmonic support with chords and some melodic movement.

night; And down the west three moons were dipping Into the waves, all white.

*mp*

**Un poco agitato**

*morendo* *p* *pp* *mf*

I know not now where the moons were misting, On

*p* *pp*

what lost sea in the milky track; But I know that you swore to a love's trysting

*p* *cresc. molto* *sfz*

In those quick  
glances back

*sfz* *sfz* *dim. e rit.*

I

followed you fast through the white sea | splendor, On into the rush of a blown, black rain; Drawn

**Vivo**

*p* *mfz*

on by that mystery strangely tender, The lure of the lyric pain.

*p*

As up round a headland the tides came hurling, You

**Allegro**

*sfz* *mf*

sang one song from your wild sea-heart: Then a mist swept in, and we two

First system of musical notation. The piano part consists of two staves. The right hand plays a melody with eighth and sixteenth notes, while the left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment with eighth notes. Dynamics include *f* (forte) and *cresc. molto* (crescendo molto).

went whirling, Ages and worlds a-part.

Second system of musical notation. The piano part continues with two staves. The right hand features triplets and sixteenth notes. Dynamics include *ff con fuoco* (fortissimo con fuoco) and *dimin.* (diminuendo).

Third system of musical notation. The piano part continues with two staves. The right hand has a melodic line with triplets. The left hand plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment. Dynamics include *sf* (sforzando).

Fourth system of musical notation. The piano part continues with two staves. The right hand has a melodic line with triplets. The left hand plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment. Dynamics include *mf* (mezzo-forte). The system concludes with a vocal line (L.P. - Long Pause) and the tempo marking **Moderato**. The lyrics "We are taught to be" are written above the vocal line.

true in the God's romances, | We come from old worlds | and we go afar: | I have missed you again | in the Earth's wild chances,

Now to another star!

Perhaps we are | loves are fated, |  
led and our | And our

steps are counted one by one;

Perhaps we shall meet and our souls be

**Lento**

**Andante**  
*misterioso*

mated, After the burnt-out sun.

*rinforz.*

**sfz**

**p**



**Allegretto** For over the world a dim hope hovers, The hope at the heart of all our songs

*p una corda* *mf tre corde*

That the banded stars are in league with lovers, And fight against their wrongs.

*rit.*

**Allegro ma non troppo**

*mf cantando*

this is all a dream, then perhaps our dreaming Can touch life's height

to a finer fire: Who knows but the heavens and all their seeming

*cresc. sempre*

Were made by the heart's desire?

*ff*

One thing shines clear in the heart's sweet reason, One lightning over the

*p* *mf*

chasm runs, That to turn from love is the world's one treason | treads down all the suns.  
That

8<sup>th</sup> measure rest

*f*

*mf*

*rit. e dim.*

2 1 4

5 1

5 1

5 1

*mfz*

*p*

4/4

So I go to the long ad- | lifting My face to the far, mysterious goals,  
venture

### Andante sostenuto

*p*

*mfz*

*mp*

*mfz*

4/4

To the last | to the final sift- | gods and stars and souls.  
assize, | ing Of

*mf*

*cresc.*

*f*

*mf*

*p*

Our ways go wide and I know not whither, But my song will search through the worlds for  
you, Till the

**Lento**

*p*

*mf*

\*Led. \*Led. \*Led. \*Led. \*Led. \*Led. \*Led.

Seven Seas waste and the | Seven stars wither, And the | dream of the heart comes true.

\*Led. \*Led. \*Led. \*Led. \*Led. \*

I am out to the roads and the long, long questing, On dark tides driven, on great winds

Musical score for the first system, measures 1-6. The score is in G major, 4/4 time. It features a piano accompaniment with chords and a vocal line. The piano part has a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the left hand and chords in the right hand. The vocal line enters in measure 5 with a melodic phrase. Dynamics include *f* and *Led.* with asterisks.

blown: I pass the ruins of the worlds unresting, I sail the great unknown.

Musical score for the second system, measures 7-12. The piano accompaniment continues with a steady eighth-note accompaniment. The vocal line enters in measure 7 with a melodic phrase. Dynamics include *ff* and *Led.* with asterisks.

Musical score for the third system, measures 13-18. The piano accompaniment continues with a steady eighth-note accompaniment. The vocal line enters in measure 13 with a melodic phrase. Dynamics include *p*, *mf*, and *L.P.* with asterisks.

# Allegretto con grazia

There are

*mf*

more lives yet, there are more worlds waiting, For the way climbs up to the eldest sun,

*mfz*

Where the white ones go to their mystic mating, And the Holy Will is done.

*dim.* *p*

I will

find you there where our

*p un poco marcato*

low life heightens, Where the door of the Wonder again unbars, Where the

old love lures and the old fire whitens, In the Stars behind the

stars.

Perhaps we will

**Con moto**

meet where the boughs for rafters Shelter a cliff by an ocean-stream,

As we met long ago in the light sea-laughters When

over me went the dream.



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**Vivace**

*mf*

Perhaps we will meet in some field of faery, Twined round by the

*p una corda*

sea and the scented vales, To stray moon - charmed in a

high - hung, airy Dream - wood of nightingales.

*riten.*

The piano introduction consists of two staves. The right hand features a series of eighth-note chords, while the left hand plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment. A 'riten.' (ritardando) marking is placed above the right hand staff, indicating a gradual deceleration.

We will hear some word of the final meaning, As we

**Andante**

*mf largamente*

The vocal melody begins with the lyrics 'We will hear some word of the final meaning, As we'. The piano accompaniment is marked 'Andante' and 'mf largamente', featuring a slow, spacious feel with wide intervals in the right hand and a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the left hand.

meet at last by the love-loud wind blown trees, Hushed with the wonder of

The piano accompaniment continues with the lyrics 'meet at last by the love-loud wind blown trees, Hushed with the wonder of'. The right hand features a series of eighth-note chords, while the left hand plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment.

life, and leaning, Over the marching seas.

Ah,

*f*

The piano accompaniment continues with the lyrics 'life, and leaning, Over the marching seas. Ah,'. The right hand features a series of eighth-note chords, while the left hand plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment. A forte (*f*) marking is placed above the right hand staff, indicating a strong dynamic.

strangely then will the heart be shaken, For something star-  
ry will

touch the hour; And the mystic wind of the worlds will waken,

Stirring the soul's tall flower.

As we go star - stilled in the mystic garden, All the prose of this

### Adagio

*f pesante* *sfz*

life run there to rhyme, How eagerly will the poor heart pardon All of these

*mf* *sfz* *mf*

hurts of Time!

*sfz* *mf* *sfz* *p*

For 'twill all come back— the wasted splendor,

### Allegretto

*p una corda*

The heart's lost youth like a breaking flower,      The dauntless dare,

and the wistful, tender Touch of the April hour.

In that

wondrous hour of our souls dream-driven, In that high, white hour,

O my

wild sea-bride, The tears and the years will all be forgiven, And

all be justified.

**Un poco più animato**

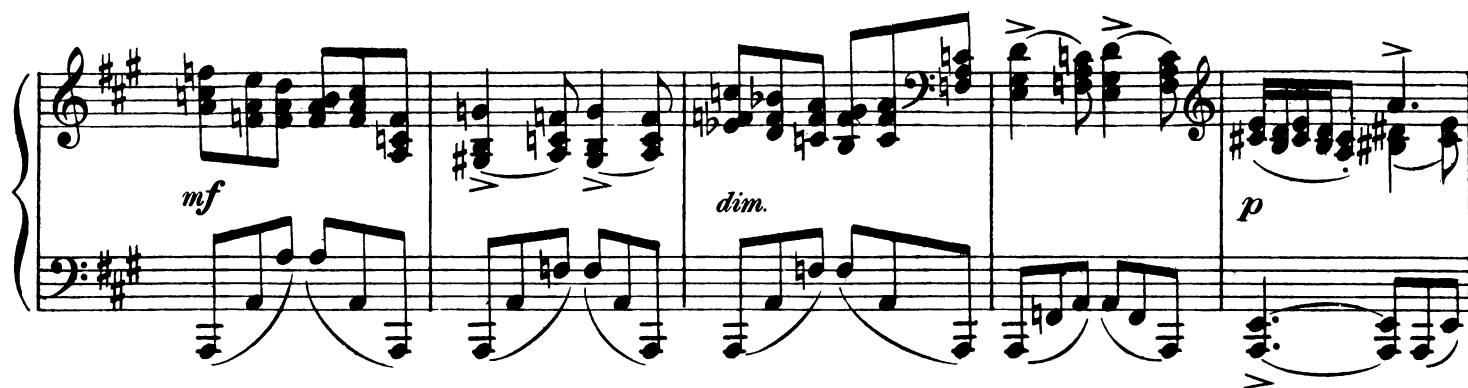
First system of music for 'Un poco più animato'. It consists of a grand staff with a treble and bass clef. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The piece begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The right hand features a series of chords and triplets, with fingerings 1, 3, 3 and 1, 3, 3 indicated. The left hand plays a steady eighth-note accompaniment.

**Allegretto con grazia**

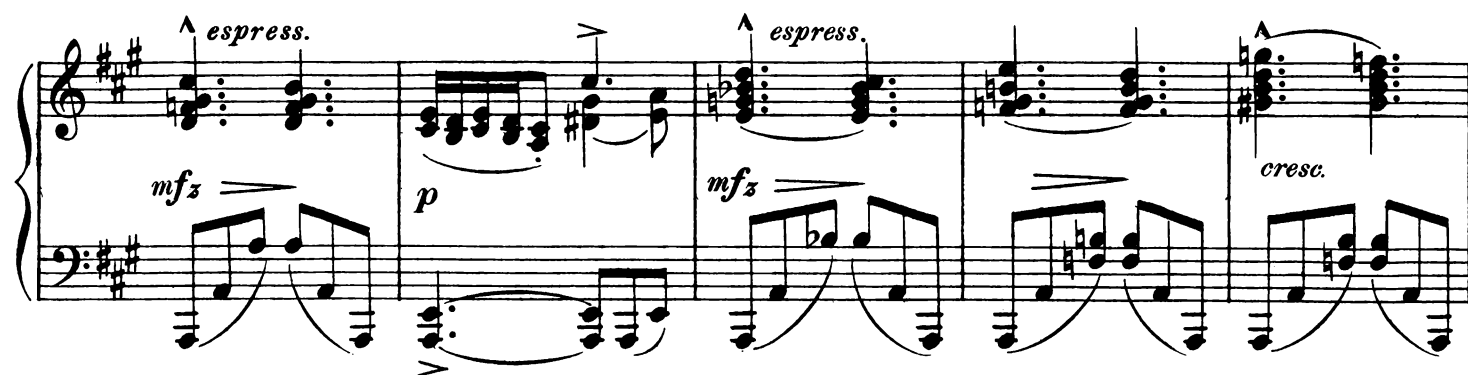
Second system of music for 'Allegretto con grazia'. It continues the grand staff. The right hand has a melodic line with grace notes. The left hand features a triplet of eighth notes. A *ritard.* (ritardando) marking is present. The system concludes with a *p tre corde* (piano, three chords) instruction.

Third system of music for 'Allegretto con grazia'. The right hand continues with a melodic line, and the left hand maintains a rhythmic accompaniment of eighth notes.

Fourth system of music for 'Allegretto con grazia'. The right hand features a melodic line with grace notes. The left hand has a rhythmic accompaniment. The system includes a forte (*f*) dynamic marking and a *dim.* (diminuendo) instruction.



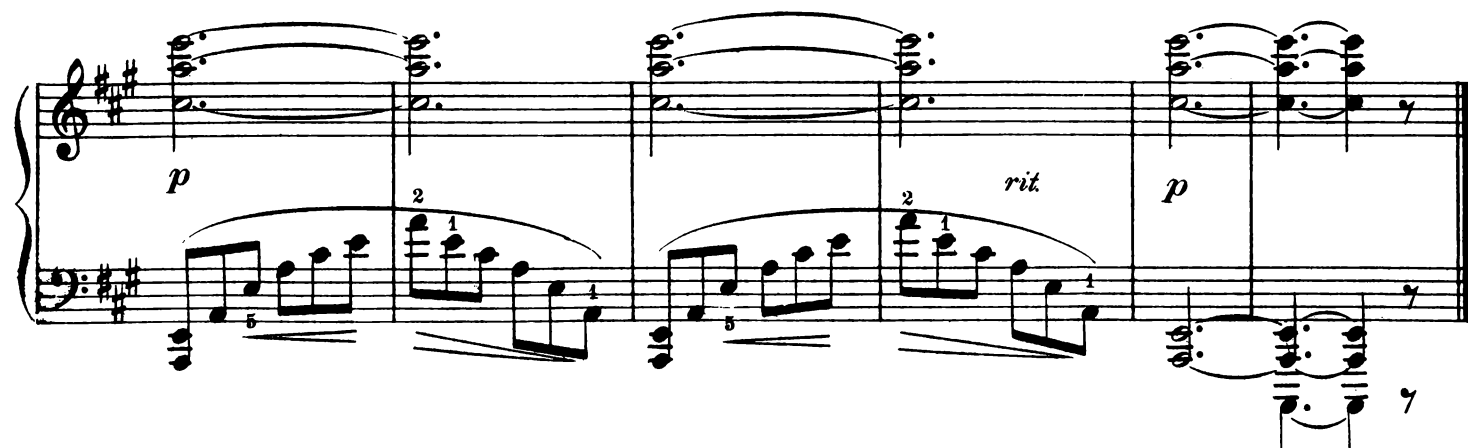
First system of musical notation. The treble staff contains chords and arpeggiated figures, while the bass staff features a continuous eighth-note accompaniment. Dynamics include *mf*, *dim.*, and *p*. Accents are present on several notes.



Second system of musical notation. The treble staff includes *espress.* markings and accents. The bass staff continues with the eighth-note accompaniment. Dynamics include *mfz*, *p*, and *cresc.*



Third system of musical notation. The treble staff features chords with accents. The bass staff continues with the eighth-note accompaniment. Dynamics include *p* and *mfz*.



Fourth system of musical notation. The treble staff has long-held chords. The bass staff features a more complex eighth-note pattern with fingerings (1, 2, 5) indicated. Dynamics include *p* and *rit.*. The system concludes with a double bar line and a final chord in the bass staff.