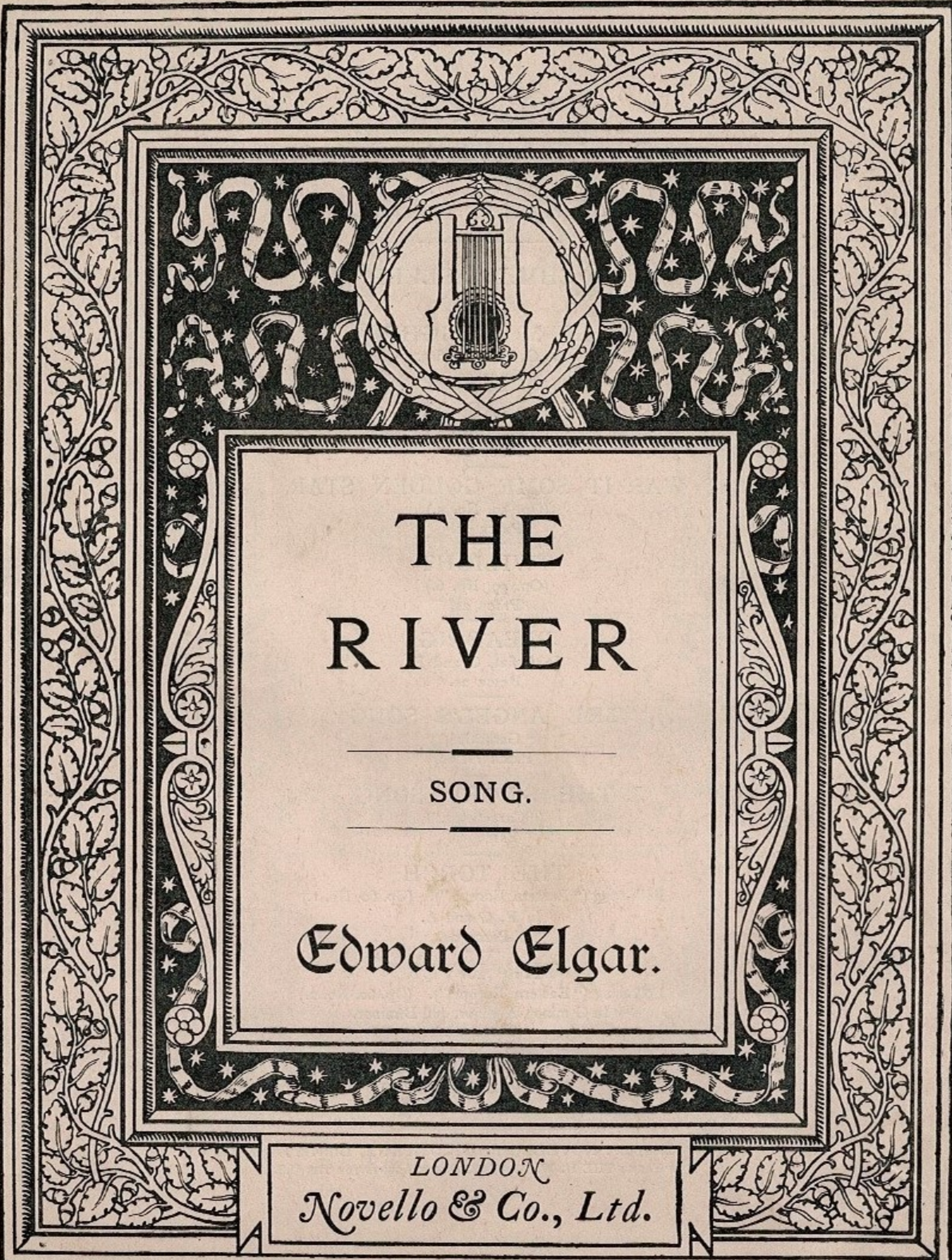


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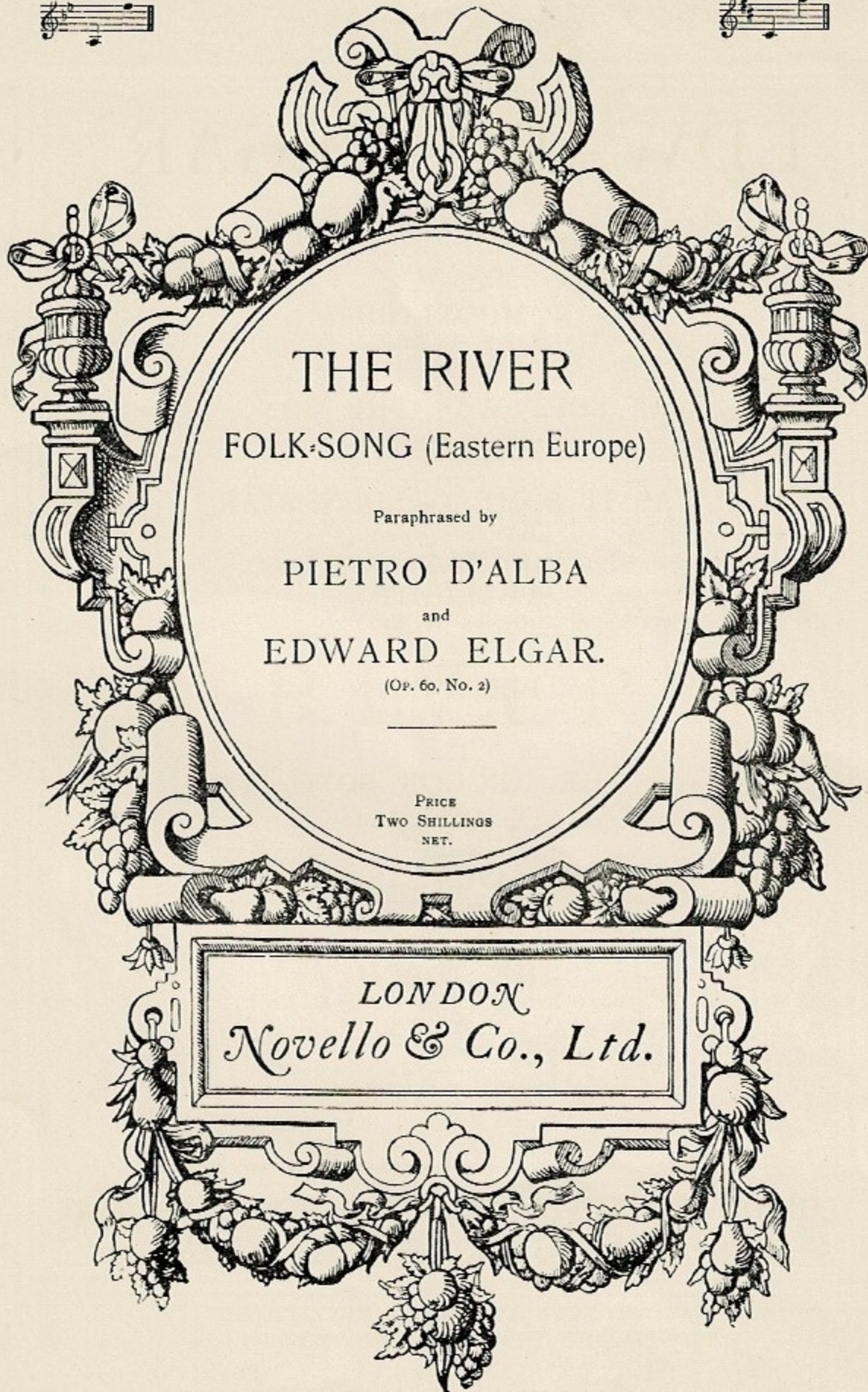
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## THE RIVER\*

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River, mother of fighting men, (Rustula !)  
Sternest barrier of our land, (Rustula !)  
From thy bosom we drew life :  
Ancient, honoured, mighty, grand !  
Rustula !

Oh ! what worship had been thine, (Rustula !)  
Hadst thou held the foemen, drowned ; (Rustula !)  
Flood, more precious far than wine,  
Victress, saviour, world-renowned !  
Rustula !

Like a girl before her lover, (Rustula !)  
How thou falterdst,—like a slave ;—(Rustula !)  
Sank and fainted, low and lower,  
When thy mission was to save.  
Coward, traitress, shameless !  
Rustula !

On thy narrowed, niggard strand, (Rustula !)  
Despairing—now the tyrant's hand (Rustula !)  
Grips the last remnant of our land,  
Wounded and alone I stand,  
Tricked, derided, impotent !  
Rustula !

*Pietro d'Alba.*

From a Folk-Song (Eastern Europe).

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\* NOTE— . . . "The river was in full flood and, had it remained so another twenty-four hours, would undoubtedly have overwhelmed the enemy : but it sank far below its normal level more rapidly than it had risen three days before."

# THE RIVER.

Pietro d'Alba.

Edward Elgar.  
Op. 60, N<sup>o</sup> 2.

*Allegro con fuoco.*

*ff marziale*

*allargando*

*f risoluto*

*accel.*

*rit.*

Ri - ver, mo - ther of fight - ing men,

*f a tempo*

*sf*

*accel.*

*rit.*

*p ad lib.*

*f a tempo*

*p ad lib.*

(Rus - tu - la!) Stern - est bar - rier of our land, (Rus - tu - la!)

*P*

*f a tempo*

*P*

*Ped.* \*

*a tempo*  
*f espress.*

From thy bo-som we drew life:— *rit.* *f poco più lento* *accel.*  
An-cient, hon-oured,

*f a tempo*  
*rit.* *f colla parte*

might - y, *ff* *lento* grand! - *maestoso* Rus-tu - la!

*ff* *sf a tempo* *ff*

*Ped.* \*

*rit.* *f a tempo. poco largamente*  
Oh! what wor - ship had been

*rit.* *f colla parte* *sf*

*Ped.* \*

*ad lib.* *p espress.* *mf* *dim.* *PPA*  
thine, (Rus - tu - la!) Hadst thou held the foe - men, drowned;

*p colla parte* *mf* *dim.* *PP*

*ad lib.*  
*p rit.* *f a tempo* *rit.* *f più mosso*

(Rus-tu-la!) Flood, more pre-cious far than wine, Vic-tress,

*colla parte* *dim.* *rit.* *f più mosso*

*animato cresc.* *ff* *lento*

sa-viour, world - re - nowned! Rus-tu-la!

*colla parte* *a tempo ff*

*rit.* *p espress.* *dim.*

Rus - tu - la!

*dim.* *p rit.* *pp colla parte*

*p più lento e legato* *ad lib.*

Like a girl be-fore her lo-ver, (Rus-tu-la!)

*p più lento* *pp colla parte*

*a tempo* *p ad lib.* *pp*

How thou fal-terdst, - like a slave; - (Rus-tu-la!) Sank and

*a tempo* *colla parte* *pp*

faint - ed, low — and low - er, When thy mis - sion was to

*dim.* *ppp*

*molto animato* *cresc.* *f* *ff*

save. Cow-ard, trai-tress, shameless! Rus - tu - la!

*molto animato* *cresc.* *f*

*a tempo* *ff con fuoco* *accel.* *rit.*

*ff quasi recit.* *sf ad lib.*

On thy nar - rowed, nig - gard strand, (Rus - tu - la!) Des -

*ff colla parte sf colla parte*

*a tempo sf ad lib.*

- pair - ing, - now the ty - rant's hand (Rus - tu - la!)

*a tempo sf colla parte*

*a tempo f più lento espress. accel. ff largamente*

Grips the last remnant of our land, Wound - ed

*a tempo più lento accel. ff colla parte sf*



*sf presto*

and a - lone I stand, Tricked, de - ri - ded,

*sf* *sf* *sf presto*

*molto espress.*

im - po - tent! Rus - tu - la!

*presto con fuoco*

*p a tempo* *fff sf sf*

*gva bassa.....*  
*Ped.*

*lento*  
*p espress.* *pp*

Rus - tu - la!

*lento*

*dim. rit. p molto rit. pp colla parte*

(Leyrisch-Turasp, 1909.)