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FOR

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Pianoforte.

Allegro deciso. (♩=144.)

SOPRANO. *pp*

ALTO. *pp* Speak! Speak! thou fear-ful guest!

TENOR. *pp*

BASS. *pp* Speak! Speak! thou fear-ful guest!

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pp ma cresc. subito

Who, with thy hollow breast Still in rude armour drest, Comest to daunt me!

pp ma cresc. subito

Who, with thy hollow breast Still in rude armour drest, Comest to daunt me!

pp ma cresc. subito

pp ma cresc. subito

pp *cresc. poco a poco*

Wrapt not in East-ern balms, But with thy fleshless palms Stretched, as if

pp *cresc. poco a poco*

Wrapt not in East-ern balms, But with thy fleshless palms Stretched, as if

pp *cresc. poco a poco*

pp *cresc. poco a poco*

cresc. *ff*

ask-ing alms, Why dost thou haunt me?

cresc. *ff*

ask-ing alms, Why dost thou haunt me?

cresc. *ff*

ra * *ra* * *ra* *

Then, from those cav - ern - ous eyes Pale

Then, from those cav - ern - ous eyes

ra *

flash - es seemed to rise, As when the North - ern

Pale flash - es seemed to rise, As when the North - ern

p cresc. molto e poco accel.

p cresc. molto e poco accel.

p cresc. molto e poco accel.

p cresc. molto e poco accel.

pp

cresc. molto e poco accel.

ra *

skies Gleam in De-cem - - ber; And,

skies Gleam in De-cem - - ber; And,

ff *ff* *ff* *p*

like the wa - ter's flow Un - der De - cem - ber's

like the wa - ter's flow Un - der De - cem - ber's

rit. e dim. poco a poco *rit. e dim. poco a poco* *rit. e dim. poco a poco*

rit. e dim. poco a poco

snow, Came a dull voice of woe From the heart's cham - ber.

snow, Came a dull voice of woe From the heart's cham - ber.

ppp *ppp* *ppp*

ppp *sf* *p*

Allegro assai, ma molto marcato. (♩ = 120.)

I was a Vi-king old! My deeds, though man-i-fold,

I was a Vi-king old! My deeds, though man-i-fold,

Allegro assai, ma molto marcato. (♩ = 120.)

No Skald in song has told, No Sa-ga taught thee! Take heed, that in thy verse

No Skald in song has told, No Sa-ga taught thee! Take heed, that in thy verse

Thou dost the tale re-hearse, Else dread a dead man's curse! For this I sought thee.

Thou dost the tale re-hearse, Else dread a dead man's curse! For this I sought thee.

Animato.

Far in the Northern land, By the wild Bal - tic's strand,

Far in the Northern land, By the wild Bal - tic's strand,

Animato.

I, with my child-ish hand, Tamed the ger - fal - con; And, with my skates fast

I, with my child-ish hand, Tamed the ger - fal - con; And, with my

8.

bound, Skimm'd the half - fro - zen sound, That the poor whimpering hound Trembled to

skates fast bound, Skimm'd the half - fro - zen sound, That, the poor whimpering hound Trembled to

walk on. But when I old-er grew, Join-ing a

walk on. But when I old-er grew, Join-ing a

mf *f* *ff* *Animato.*

corsair's crew, O'er the dark sea I flew With the ma - rauders. Wild was the life we led;

corsair's crew, O'er the dark sea I flew With the ma - rauders. Wild was the

cresc. *ff* *Animato.*

9. Many the souls that sped, Man-y the hearts that bled, Man-y the souls that sped,

life we led; Man - - y the souls that sped,

life we led; Man - - y the souls that sped, By

mf *cresc. molto*

By our stern or - ders. By our stern
 By our stern or - ders. By our orders, by
 By our stern or - ders. By our orders, by
 our stern or - ders. By our stern

ff *ff* *ff* *ff*

Animato. (♩=144.)

or - - - ders.
 our stern or - ders.
 our stern or - ders.
 or - - - ders.

Animato. (♩=144.)

Più tranquillo. (♩=112.)

mf *dim* *ritard.*

Più moderato.

p dolce
cresc. *f dim.*

11. *pp una corda* *rit.*

Quartet or Semi-Chorus. (If a semi-chorus, not more than 16 voices.)
Andantino grazioso. (♩ = 69.)

p dolce
Once as I told in glee

p dolce
Once as I told in glee

Andantino grazioso. (♩ = 69.)
legato
p dolce

Tales of the storm - y sea, Soft eyes did gaze, did gaze on me,

Tales of the storm-y sea, the storm-y sea, Soft eyes did gaze, did gaze on me,

12.

p

cresc.

Burning, yet ten - der; And as the white stars shine, the

Burning, yet ten - der; And as the white stars shine, the white stars shine, *cresc.*

Burning, yet ten - der; And as the white stars shine, the white stars shine, the *cresc.*

Burning, yet ten - der; And as the white stars shine, the *cresc.*

poco *mf* *mf* *dim.*

white stars shine On the dark Norway pine, On that dark heart of mine

poco *f* *mf* *dim.*

shine On the dark Norway pine, On that dark heart of mine

poco *f* *mf* *dim.*

white stars shine On the dark Norway pine, On that dark heart of mine

poco *f* *mf* *dim.*

white stars shine On the dark Norway pine, On that dark heart of mine, that heart of mine

p *pp*

Fell their soft splendour. I wo'd the blue-eyed maid,

p *pp*

Fell their soft splen - dour. I wo'd the blue - eyed maid,

p *pp*

Fell their soft splen - dour. I wo'd the blue-eyed maid,

pp Yield - ing, yet half a - fraid, *p* And in the for - est's

pp Yield - ing, yet half a - fraid, *p* And in the for - est's

pp Yield - ing, yet half, yet half a - fraid, *p* And in the for - est's

pp shade Our *dolce* vows were plight - ed.

dolce shade Our *dolce* vows were plight - ed.

dolce shade Our *dolce* vows were plight - ed.

dim. 1 3 2 3

pp Un - der its loo - sen'd vest Flutter'd her lit - tle breast,

pp Un - der its loo - sen'd vest Flutter'd her lit - tle breast,

pp Un - der its loo - sen'd vest Flutter'd her lit - tle breast,

pp Like birds within their nest, By the hawk frigh - ted. *p* I wo'd the blue - eyed

pp Like birds within their nest, By the hawk frigh - ted. *p* I wo'd the blue - eyed

pp Like birds within their nest, By the hawk frigh - ted. *p* I wo'd the

pp * *pp* * *p* * *p* * *p* *

maid, Yielding, yet half a - fraid,

maid, Yielding, yet half a - fraid,

blue-eyed maid, Yield - ing, yet half a - fraid,

cresc. * *cresc.* * *cresc.* * *mf cresc.* *

And in the for - est's shade Our vows, *p* our vows were *dim.*

And in the for - est's shade Our vows, *p* our vows were *dim.*

And in the for - est's shade Our vows were *dim.*

f * *p* * *dim.* *

plight - - ed, Our vows were plight - - ed.

plight - - ed, Our vows were plight - - ed.

pp *pp* *pp* *pp*

pp *sf*

ra * *ra* *

ed, Our vows were plight - - ed.

ed, Our vows were plight - - ed.

ed, Our vows were plight - - ed.

poco rit. ppp *a tempo* *poco rit. ppp* *a tempo* *poco rit. ppp* *a tempo*

poco rit. ppp *a tempo* *pp*

ra * *ra* * *ra* * *ra* *

rit. *ppp*

ra * *ra*

Allegro molto marc (♩ = 88.)

Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. * Ped. *

Chorus.

Bright in her fa-ther's hall Shields gleamed up-on the wall, Loud
 Bright in her fa-ther's hall Shields gleamed up-on the wall, Loud sang, loud
 Bright in her fa-ther's hall Shields gleamed up-on the wall, Loud sang, loud
 Bright in her fa-ther's hall Shields gleamed up-on the wall, Loud

Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. * Ped. * Ped.

16.

sang the minstrels all, the minstrels Chanting his glo-ry; Bright in her father's hall
 sang the minstrels all, the minstrels Chanting his glo-ry; Bright in her father's hall

* Ped. segue

Shields gleamed upon the wall, Loud sang the minstrels all, Chanting his glo -
 Shields gleamed upon the wall, Loud sang, loud sang the minstrels all, the minstrels Chanting his glo -
 Shields gleamed upon the wall, Loud sang, loud sang the minstrels all, the minstrels Chanting his glo-ry
 Shields gleamed upon the wall, Loud sang, loud sang the minstrels all, all, Chanting his glo-ry

ry; When of old Hil - de - brand I ask'd his daughter's hand, Mute
 Chanting his glo-ry; When of old Hil - de - brand I ask'd his daughter's hand, Mute

did the minstrels stand To hear my sto - ry.
 did the minstrels, minstrels stand, To hear my sto - ry.
 did the minstrels, minstrels stand, To hear my sto - ry.
 did the minstrels stand, To hear my sto - ry.

While the brown ale he quaff'd, Loud then the cham - pion
 While the brown ale he quaff'd, Loud then the champion, the
 While the brown ale he quaff'd, Loud then the champion, the
 While the brown ale he quaff'd, Loud then the champion,

laugh'd, And as the wind-gusts waft, the wind-gusts waft! The sea-foam brightly,
 champion laugh'd, And as the wind-gusts waft, the wind-gusts waft! The sea-foam brightly,
 champion laugh'd, And as the wind-gusts waft, the wind-gusts waft! The sea-foam brightly,
 laugh'd, And as the wind-gusts waft, the wind-gusts waft! The sea-foam brightly,

So the loud laugh of scorn, Out of those lips un-
 So the loud laugh of scorn, Out of those lips un-

shorn, From the deep drinking-horn Blew the foam lightly.

shorn, From the deep drinking-horn Blew the foam lightly.

shorn, From the deep drinking-horn Blew the foam lightly. So the

marc.
f marc.
f marc.
f marc.
mf

Poco più animato. (♩ = 96.) So the loud laugh of scorn, Out of those lips un -

So the loud laugh of scorn, Out of those lips un - shorn,

So the loud laugh of scorn, Out of those lips un -

loud laugh of scorn, Out of those lips un - shorn, out of those lips un -

cresc.
mf
cresc.
f cresc.
cresc.
Poco più animato. (♩ = 96.)
cresc.

shorn, So the loud laugh of scorn, Out of those lips un - shorn,

So the loud laugh of scorn, Out of those lips un - shorn,

shorn, So the loud laugh of scorn, Out of those lips un - shorn,

shorn, So the loud laugh of scorn, of scorn, Out of those lips un-shorn, Blew the

cresc.
f
cresc.
cresc.
cresc.
cresc.

19.

ff
 Blew the foam light - ly. So the loud laugh of scorn, Out of those lips un -
 Blew the foam light - ly. So the loud laugh of scorn, Out of those
 foam light - ly. So the loud laugh of scorn, Out of those

ff
cresc. e poco string.

20.

shorn, From the deep drinking-horn Blew the foam light - ly.
 lips un - shorn, From the deep drinking-horn Blew the foam light - ly.

cresc. e poco string.
cresc. e poco string.
cresc. e poco string.

Animato.
ff sempre
ff p

Agitato. (♩ = 112.)

She was a Prin - ce's child, I but a Vi - king

She was a Prin - ce's child, I but a Vi - king

Agitato. (♩ = 112.)

wild, And, though she blush'd and smiled, I was dis-

wild, And, though she blush'd and smiled, I was dis-

wild, And, though she blush'd and smiled, I was dis-

wild, And, though she blush'd and smiled, I was dis-

card - ed! Should not the dove so white

card - ed! Should not the dove so white

21. pp poco - a - poco -

card - ed! Should not the dove so white

card - ed! Should not the dove so white

card - ed! Should not the dove so white

card - ed! Should not the dove so white

strin - gen - do

pp sempre

Fol - low the sea - mew's flight? Why did they leave that night Her

pp sempre

Fol - low the sea - mew's flight? Why did they leave that night Her

pp sempre

strin - gen - do

pp sempre

al

Allegro assai. (♩=69.)

pp nest un - guard - ed? Scarce had I put to sea, Bear - ing the *cresc.*

pp nest un - guard - ed? Scarce had I put to sea, Bear - ing the *cresc.*

pp nest un - guard - ed? Scarce had I put to sea, Bear - ing the *cresc.*

pp nest un - guard - ed? Scarce had I put to sea, Bear - ing the *cresc.*

Allegro assai. (♩=69.)

pp

pp

f maid with me, Fair - est of all was she Among the Norse - men!

f maid, Fair - est of all was she Among the Norse - men!

f maid with me, Fair - est of all was she Among the Norse - men!

dim. molto

dim. molto

dim. molto

dim.

dim.

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When on the white sea-strand, Wa - ving his arm - ed hand, Saw we old

When on the white sea-strand, Wa - ving his arm - ed hand, Saw we old

Hil-debrand, With twen - ty horse - men.

Hil-debrand, With twen - ty horse - men.

Then launch'd they to the blast, Bent like a reed each mast,

Then launch'd they to the blast, Bent like a reed, like a reed each mast,

Then launch'd they to the blast, Bent like a reed, like a reed each mast,

Then launch'd they to the blast, Bent like a reed each mast

Yet we were gaining fast, When the wind fail'd us;

Yet we were gaining fast, When the wind fail'd us;

f *ff* *pp* *pp* *pp* *pp*

And with a sud-den flaw Came round the gust-y Skaw,

And with a sud-den flaw Came round the gust-y Skaw,

Agitato. *cresc.* *cresc.* *cresc.* *cresc.*

Agitato.

So that our foe we saw Laugh as he hail'd us.

So that our foe we saw Laugh as he hail'd us.

f cresc. e string. molto *fff.* *fff.* *fff.*

f cresc. e string. molto *fff.*

Più animato. (♩ = 76.)

And as to catch the gale

And as to catch the gale, the gale

And as to catch the gale

And as to catch the gale, the gale

Più animato. (♩ = 76.)

Round veer'd the flapping sail, Death! Death!

Round veer'd, roundveer'd the flapping sail, Death! Death!

Round veer'd the flapping sail, Death! Death!

Round veer'd, roundveer'd the flapping sail, Death! Death!

Death! was the helmsman's hail, Death with-out quar-ter! Mid-ships with

Death! was the helmsman's hail, Death with-out quar-ter! Mid-ships with

i - ron keel Struck we her ribs of steel; Down, down, down her black

i - ron keel Struck we her ribs of steel; Down, down, down her black

hulk did reel Through the black water! Through the black water! Down! _____

hulk did reel Through the black water! Through the black water! Down! _____

Down! Down! Down! Down!

Down! Down!

Down! Down!

25.

ff

Down her black hulk did reel Through the black wa - ter!

Down her black hulk did reel Through the black wa - ter!

The first system contains four staves. The top two staves are vocal lines with lyrics. The bottom two staves are piano accompaniment. The piano part starts with a forte (*ff*) dynamic and includes various articulations like accents and slurs.

Andantino grazioso. (♩ = 69.)

p *pp* *p* *p*

The second system is a piano accompaniment for the piece. It features a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand. Dynamics range from piano (*p*) to pianissimo (*pp*).

Quartet, or Semi-Chorus.

p dolce *p dolce* *p dolce* *p dolce*

Three weeks we west - ward bore, And when the storm was

Three weeks we west - ward bore, And when the storm was o'er, the

Three weeks we west - ward bore, And when the storm, and when the

Three weeks we west - ward bore, And when the storm was

legato

p dolce

ra ra ra ra ra

The quartet section consists of five staves. The top four staves are vocal lines for four voices, each with the same lyrics. The bottom staff is piano accompaniment. The piano part is marked *p dolce* and *legato*. At the bottom of the piano staff, there are rhythmic markings: *ra ra ra ra ra*.

o'er, Cloud-like we saw, we saw the shore Stretching to lee - ward;
 storm was o'er, Cloud-like we saw, we saw the shore Stretching to lee - ward;
 storm was o'er, Cloud-like we saw, we saw the shore Stretching to lee - ward;

There for my la - dy's bower Built I the lof - ty
 There for my la - dy's bower, my la - dy's bower Built I the lof - ty
 There for my la - dy's bower, my la - dy's bower Built I the lof - ty
 There for my la - dy's bower Built I the

tower, Which, to this ve - ry hour, Stands looking sea - ward.
 tower, Which, to this ve - ry hour, Stands looking sea - ward.
 tower, Which, to this ve - ry hour, Stands looking sea - ward.
 lof - ty tower, Which, to this ve - ry hour, Stands looking sea - ward.

26.

There lived we man - y years; Time dried the
 There lived we man - y years; Time dried the
 There lived we man - y years; Time dried the
 There lived we man - y years; Time dried, time

mai - den's tears; She had for - got her fears,
 mai - den's tears; She had for - got her fears,
 dried the mai - den's tears, She had for - got her fears,

She was a mo - ther; Death closed her
 She was a mo - ther; Death closed her

mild blue eyes, Un-der that tower she lies; Ne'er shall the sun a - rise

mild blue eyes, Un-der that tower she lies; Ne'er shall the sun a - rise

mild blue eyes, Un-der that tower she lies; Ne'er shall the sun a - rise

On such an - o - ther! On such an - o - ther!

On such an - o - ther! On such an - o - ther!

On such an - o - ther! On such an - o - ther!

27. *ppp* On such an - o - - - - ther!

ppp On such an - o - - - - ther!

ppp On such an - o - - - - ther!

Allegro deciso. (♩ = 48.)

Still grew my bo-som then,
Still grew my bo-som then,

Allegro deciso. (♩ = 48.)

dim. e rit.

Still as a stagnaut fen! Hate-ful to me were men, The sun-light hate - ful.

poco cresc.

poco cresc.

In the vast for-est here, Clad in my war-like gear, Fell I up - on my spear,

più cresc. e poco string. f cresc. sempre

28 *rit.* *ff*

più cresc. e poco string. f cresc. sempre

rit. *ff* *ten.*

p molto rit.
 Oh, death was grate - full

p molto rit.
 Oh, death was grate - full

p molto rit.
 Oh, death was grate - full

p molto rit. **Tempo animato.**

p molto rit.

Allegro assai, ma molto marcato. (♩ = 120.)

Thus seam'd with man - y scars, Burst-ing these pri - son - bars,

Thus seam'd with man - y scars, Burst-ing these pri - son - bars,

Allegro assai, ma molto marcato. (♩ = 120.)

Poco animato. (♩ = 114.)

Up to its na-tive stars My soul as - cend - ed. Burst-ing these pri - -

Up to its na-tive stars My soul as - cend-ed. Burst-ing these pri - - son - -

Up to its na-tive stars My soul as - cend-ed. Burst-ing these pri - - son - -

Poco animato. (♩ = 114.)

Up to its na-tive stars My soul as - cend - ed. Burst-ing these pri - -

29.

son - bars, Up to its na - - tive stars,
 bars, Up to its na - - tive stars, Up to its
 bars, Up to its na - - tive stars, Up to its

Up to its na - - tive stars My soul as
 na - - tive stars My soul as -
 na - - tive stars My soul as -
 Up to its na - - tive stars My soul as -

pp rit. e cresc. molto

30. Più animato. (♩ = 69.)

ce - ed.
 ce - ed. There,
 ce - ed. There, from the flow - ing bowl Deep

Più animato. (♩ = 69.)

There, from the flow-ing bowl Deep drinks
 from the flowing bowl Deep drinks the warrior's soul,
 drinks the war - rior's soul, Deep drinks the war -

There, from the

the war - rior's soul, Deep drinks the war - rior's
 the war - rior's soul, Deep drinks the war - rior's, war - rior's
 rior's soul, the war - rior's soul, Deep drinks the war - rior's, war - rior's
 flow-ing bowl Deep drinks, deep, deep drinks the war - rior's

soul. There, from the flow-ing bowl Deep drinks the war - rior's soul,
 soul. There, from the flow-ing bowl Deep drinks the war - rior's soul,

There, from the flowing bowl — Deep drinks the war-rior's soul, —

There, from — the flow-ing bowl Deep drinks the war-rior's soul

There, from the flow-ing bowl — Deep drinks the war-rior's soul

Skoal! to the North - land! Skoal! Skoal! to the North - land! Skoal! Skoal! to the

Skoal! to the North - land! Skoal! Skoal! to the North - land! Skoal! Skoal! to the

cresc. e poco

cresc. e poco

cresc. e poco

cresc. e poco

North - land! the North - land! the North - - - land!

North - land! the North - land! the North - - - land!

a poco animato

a poco animato

a poco animato

Allegro assai. (♩ = 80.)

Skoal! to the North - - - land! Skoal! to the

North - - - land! Skoal! to the North - land! Skoal!

to the North - land! the North - land! Skoal!

34.

Skoall to the North - land! ——— Skoall!

Skoall to the North - land! ——— Skoall!

This system contains two vocal staves. The top staff has the lyrics "Skoall to the North - land! ——— Skoall!". The bottom staff has the lyrics "Skoall to the North - land! ——— Skoall!". The music is written in a single melodic line with a long horizontal line indicating a sustained note.

This system shows the piano accompaniment for the first system. It features a grand staff with treble and bass clefs. The right hand plays chords and moving lines, while the left hand plays a steady bass line. There are some markings like "ra" and "*" below the notes.

Thus the tale en - - - ded.

Thus the tale en - - - ded.

This system contains two vocal staves. The top staff has the lyrics "Thus the tale en - - - ded.". The bottom staff has the lyrics "Thus the tale en - - - ded.". The music is written in a single melodic line with a long horizontal line indicating a sustained note.

This system shows the piano accompaniment for the second system. It features a grand staff with treble and bass clefs. The right hand plays a melodic line, and the left hand plays a bass line. There are markings like "ra" and "ff" below the notes.

This system contains two vocal staves, both of which are empty, indicating a rest or a silent section for the vocalists.

This system shows the piano accompaniment for the third system. It features a grand staff with treble and bass clefs. The right hand plays chords, and the left hand plays a bass line. There are markings like "ra" below the notes.