

Incitement to Sailing

from The Birlinn

from the Gaelic of Alasdair MacMhaighstir Alasdair,
translated by Donald Campbell

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Moderato (♩. = c. 75)

Soprano Alto

Tenor Bass

Piano

p

(Ped. ad lib throughout, markings are advisory)

Ped. - - - - - *

5 *piu accel.* ***p*** **Con moto** (♩. = c. 84)

S
A

Six-ty men set out from shore All made rea - dy; He-ros hau-ling e - v'ry oar

Pno.

Ped. - - - - - *

9 ***mp*** *accel. poco a poco (to bar 21)*

S
A

Sure and stea-dy. Jaun-ti-ly the blades are dipped Smooth to com-mand.

T
B

Jaun-ti-ly the blades are dipped Smooth to com-mand.

Pno.

Ped. - - - - - *

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13

S
A

Speed from the land! — .

Speed from the

Stur-di-ly the oars are gripped; Speed from the land! Speed from the land! Speed from the

T
B

Speed from the land! Speed from the land! Speed from the

Stur-di-ly the oars are gripped; Speed from the land! —

Pno.

13

12/8

12/8

12/8

12/8

ped. * ped. * ped. * ped. *

17

S
A

land!

land!

T
B

land!

17

Pno.

17

12/8

12/8

12/8

12/8

f

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21

S
A

Allegro (♩. = c. 96)

Smacking the sur-face — Makes the spray fly Like sparks from a smi-thy — Broad-cast on high

T
B

Smac-king the sur-face — Makes the spray fly Like sparks from a smi-thy — Broad-cast on high

Pno.

21

f

ped. * ped. *

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4
37

S
A

Stretch, pull, bend a - gain, Stretch and pull and

T
B

Stretch and pull and bend a - gain, thole-pins crac-king! Knuc-kles gleam as white as snow,

Pno.

Reo... * Reo... * Reo... * Reo... * Reo... * Reo... *

41

S
A

bend a - gain! — All hands tac - king! all hands tac - king! *f*

bend a - gain! — All hands tac - king! all hands tac - king! *f*

T
B

All hands tac - king! all hands tac - king! all hands tac - king! *f*

All hands tac - king! all hands tac - king, all hands! *f*

Pno.

Reo... * Reo... * Reo... * Reo... *

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45

S
A

All hands tac - king, all hands tac - king! *f*

T
B

All hands tac - king, all hands tac - king! *f*

Pno.

Moto moderato (♩. = c. 90) *mf*

Reo... * Reo... *

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49 **Allegro** (♩. = c. 96) *f*

S
A
T
B

Come on, my lads! Mas-sive in strength! Give it some mus-cle! Pull your full length!

Pno. *f*

Reo. ----- *

53

S
A
T
B

O-cean a-round us _____ Thun-ders like rain, Batt'-ring our bir-linn _____ a - gain and a - gain, a -

Pno.

Reo. ----- * Reo. ----- * Reo. ----- * Reo. ----- *

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57 *mf* *accel.* *f*

S
A
T
B

gain and a - gain, a - gain and a - gain!

Pno. *mf*

Reo. ----- * Reo. ----- * Reo. ----- *

6 **Allegro con moto** (♩. = c. 102) **Incitement to Sailing**

60 *ff* *dim.* *f*

S
A
Pul-ling the bir-linn, — fa - cing the wea-ther, Clim-bing the bil-lows,

T
B
Pul-ling the bir-linn, — fa - cing the wea-ther, Clim-bing the bil-lows,

Pno. *ff* *dim.* *f*

Red...*

63 *cresc.*

S
A
All pull to-ge-ther! Spray all a-round us, — Migh-ty waves ga-ther,

T
B
All pull to-ge-ther! Spray all a-round us, — Migh-ty waves ga-ther,

Pno. *cresc.*

Red...*

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66 *ff*

S
A
Give it your ut-most, — All pull to-ge-ther! all pull to-ge-ther! —

T
B
Give it your ut-most, — All pull to-ge-ther! all pull to-ge-ther! —

Pno. *ff*

Red...*

rit.

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Andante (♩. = c. 66)

69

S
A

T
B

Pno.

69

69

69

rit.

3/4

12/8

12/8

12/8

p

rit.

rit.

rit.

73

S
A

T
B

Pno.

73

73

73

p *mp* *p*

Rise, fall, fore and aft,

p *mp* *p*

Rise, fall, fore and aft,

73

73

73

p *mp* *p*

rit.

rit.

rit.

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76

S
A

T
B

Pno.

76

76

76

mp *p* *mp*

One pure motion, Each e - le - gant shaft

mp *p* *mp*

One pure motion, Each e - le - gant shaft

76

76

76

mp *p* *mp*

rit.

rit.

rit.

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8

79 *mp* mas - ters the o - cean, mas - ters the o - cean,
S A *p* *mp* mas - ters the o - cean, mas - ters the
T B *p* *mp* mas - ters the o - cean, mas - ters the o - cean,
Pno. *p*

82 mas - ters the o - cean, mas - ters the o - cean. *pp*
S A o - cean, mas - ters the o - cean. *pp*
T B mas - ters the o - cean. *pp*
Pno. *pp*

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85 *ppp*
Pno.