

Incitement to Sailing

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

from "The Birlinn"

Chris Hutchings
Version for TBarB
choir and piano

Rather than change time signature every few bars, I have kept this written in 12/8 throughout; the rhythm is sometimes closer to 6/4 or even 3/2, but the quaver speed stays constant across barlines.

Moderato (♩ = c. 75)

Piano *p*

Ped. ad lib throughout, markings are advisory

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

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

Pno.

T *9* *mp*

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

Bar

Sure and stea-dy.

B *mp*

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

Pno. *9* *mp*

accel. over stroke (to bar 21)

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piu accel.

(♩ = ♩ at all changes)

13

T
8 Stur - di - ly the oars are gripped; speed from the land! speed from the land! speed from the

Bar
mp Speed from the land! Speed from the

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

Pno.

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Allegro (♩. = c. 96)

17

T
8 land!

Bar
land!

B
land!

Pno.

Lead - - - - - *

21 *f pesante*

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

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

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

Pno.
f

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25

T
8 Kee-ping in rhy-thm — Migh - ti - ly heave Bi-ting the cur-rent —

Bar
Kee-ping in rhy-thm — Migh - ti - ly heave Bi-ting the cur-rent —

B
Kee-ping in rhy-thm — Migh - ti - ly heave Bi-ting the cur-rent —

Pno.
25

Ped

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poco rit.

Con moto (♩. = c. 84)

28

T
8
Wounding each wave.

Bar
8
Wounding each wave.

B
8
Wounding each wave.

Pno.
28
mp

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33

T
8

Bar
mp
As our blades so quick and white Beat out each stroke We can glimpse the sea-green height Clou-ded in smoke.

B
mf
As our blades so quick and white Beat out each stroke We can glimpse the sea-green height Clou-ded in smoke.

Pno.
33
mp

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37 *mp*

T
8
Stretch, pull, bend a - gain, Stretch and pull and

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

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

Pno.

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41 *mf* *accel.* *f*

T
8
bend a - gain! all hands tac - king, all hands tac - king, *f*

Bar
mf *f*
bend, all hands tac - king, all hands tac - king, all hands!

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

Pno.

Red - - - - - * Red - - - - - * Red - - - - - * Red - - - - - *

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Allegro (♩. = c. 96)

45 *mf* *f*

T
8 All hands tac-king, all hands tac-king!

Bar
8 All hands tac-king, all hands tac-king!

B
8 All hands tac-king, all hands tac-king!

Pno.
mf *f*

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49 *f*

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

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

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

Pno.
f

53

T
8
O-cean a-round us _____ Thun-ders like rain, Batt-'ring our bir-linn _____ a-

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

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

Pno.

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56

T
8
gain and a - gain, a - gain and a - gain, a - gain and a - gain!

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

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

Pno.

mf *accel.* *f*

mf *f*

mf *f*

mf

Red - - - - *Red - - - - *Red - - - - *Red - - - - *Red - - - - *

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Allegro con moto (♩ = c. 102)

59

T
8

Bar

B

Pno.

f

Pul-ling the bir-linn, — fa - cing the wea-ther,

Pul-ling the bir-linn, — fa - cing the wea-ther,

Pul-ling the bir-linn, — fa - cing the wea-ther,

59

(b)

f

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62

T
8

Bar

B

Pno.

Clim-bing the bil-lows, All pull to-ge-ther! Spray all a-round us, —

Clim-bing the bil-lows, All pull to-ge-ther! Spray all a-round us, —

Clim-bing the bil-lows, All pull to-ge-ther! Spray all a-round us, —

62

Ped. — — — — *

Ped. — — — — *

65 *cresc.* *ff*

T
8 Migh - ty waves ga - ther, Give it your ut - most, All pull to - ge - ther!

Bar
cresc. *ff*

Migh - ty waves ga - ther, Give it your ut - most, All pull to - ge - ther!

B
cresc. *ff*

Migh - ty waves ga - ther, Give it your ut - most, All pull to - ge - ther!

Pno.
cresc. *ff*

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68 *rit.*

T
8 all pull to - ge - ther! _

Bar
all pull to - ge - ther! _

B
all pull to - ge - ther! _

Pno.

rit.

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

72 **Andante** (♩. = c. 66)

molto legato *p* *mp*

T
8

Bar

B

Rise, fall, fore and

molto legato *mp* *mf*

Rise, fall, fore and

molto legato *p* *mp*

Rise, fall, fore and

Pno.

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75

T
8

Bar

B

aft, One pure mo - tion, _____

p *mp* *p*

mp *mf* *p*

p *mp* *p*

aft, One pure mo - tion, _____

aft, One pure mo - tion, _____

Pno.

mp

Red - - - - *

78 *mp*

T
8 Each e - le - gant shaft mas - ters the o - cean,

Bar
mp *p*
8 Each e - le - gant shaft mas - ters the

B
mp *p*
8 Each e - le - gant shaft

Pno.

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80 *p*

T
8 mas - ters the o - cean, mas - ters the

Bar
o - cean, mas - ters the o - cean,

B
mas - ters the o - cean, mas - ters the o - cean,

Pno.

82

T

o - cean, mas - ters the o - cean.

Bar

mas - ters the o - cean, mas - ters the o - cean.

B

mas - ters the o - cean.

Pno.

pp

pp

pp

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85

T

rit.

Bar

B

Pno.

ppp

rit.

ppp