



The Lifeboat

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(1839-1913)

William Webster Pearson (1839-1913) was born at Bishop Auckland, Durham, England. He was a chorister of York Minster, but was mainly a self-taught musician. He served as organist and choirmaster of Elmhurst Parish Church, Norfolk; was violinist with a quintet at East Dereham; taught violin at Norfolk County School, Dereham; served as master of music and art at Watts' Naval College, North Elmham; was conductor of numerous bands; and a teacher of violin, organ, and piano. He invented a system of sight-singing called "Substitution of Pitch" or "Staff Tonic Sol-Fa" and developed a staff modulator to aid the learning of sight-singing. His compositions include anthems, organ works, piano pieces, songs, dance music, a cantata for female voices, and part songs. A number of his part songs were very popular. He was also a skilled amateur artist, painting in oil and watercolor. He died at South Walsham, Norfolk.

A gun resounds across the deep,
A ship's in peril there;
Brave men are hurrying down the steep,
The stormy seas to dare.
Away, away, thou swift bounding bark,
They wait and watch for thee;
Go, mount the wave, lifesaving ark—
Thy mission is on the sea.

Away, away, the wild ocean's thy home,
They wait and watch for thee,
They wait and watch for thee;
Go, mount the wave, dash through the foam,
Thy mission is on the sea.

Cleaving the surge when the tempest howls,
And the lightnings flash with a vivid glare;
And the thunder startles the sinking souls,
Who shriek in their wild despair,
No hope, no help, no succour near;
Go, go, thy mission's there.
Go, go, thou beautiful bouyant thing,
Away to the rescue speed,
Skim like a bird on elastic wing,
Safely to those in need:

Away, away, the wild ocean's thy home,
They wait and watch for thee,
They wait and watch for thee;
Go, mount the wave, dash through the foam,
Thy mission is on the sea.

Mann'd by a crew of as gallant men,
As e'er swept oars in a stormy sea;
We pray Godspeed and spare ye,
Amen, Amen;
We trust in Him, and we trust in thee,
Amen, Amen.

Then away, away to thy ocean home,
They wait and watch for thee;
Go, mount the wave, dash through the foam,
Thy mission is on the sea;
Mount the wave, dash through the foam,
Thy mission is on the sea.
Away, away, away, away,
Thy mission is on the sea.
Away, away, away.

A. Earnshaw

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The image displays a musical score for the piece "The Life Boat" by John Williams. The score is written for a vocal part (T) and a piano accompaniment (Piano). The tempo is marked "Moderato". The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 12/8.

The vocal line (T) begins with a whole rest, followed by the lyrics "The Life - boat!". The piano accompaniment (Piano) features a complex rhythmic pattern in the left hand, including sixteenth and thirty-second notes, and a more melodic line in the right hand. The score includes dynamic markings such as *f* (forte), *sf* (sforzando), *p* (piano), and *mf* (mezzo-forte). There are also performance instructions like "Reo." and "Reo." with asterisks, and various articulation marks like accents and slurs.

Pno.

11

sf *f* *p*

Pno.

14

rit. *pp* *sf* *a tempo*

Rea *

S

mf

A gun re-sounds a - cross the deep, A ship's in per - il

A

mf

A gun re-sounds a - cross the deep, A ship's in per - il

T

mf

A gun re-sounds a - cross the deep, A ship's in per - il

B

mf

A gun re-sounds a - cross the deep, A ship's in per - il

Pno.

mf

20

S there; Brave men are hur - rying down the steep, The

A there; Brave men are hur - rying down the steep, The

T there; Brave men are hur - rying down the steep, The

B there; Brave men are hur - rying down the steep, The

Pno.

23

S storm - y seas to dare. A - way, a - way, thou swift

A storm - y seas to dare. A - way, a - way, thou swift

T storm - y seas to dare. A - way, a - way, thou swift

B storm - y seas to dare. A - way, a - way, thou swift

Pno.

26

S bound - ing bark, They wait and watch_____ for thee;_____ Go,_____

A bound - ing bark, They wait and watch for thee;_____ Go,

T bound - ing bark, They wait and watch for thee;_____ Go,_____

B bound - ing bark, They wait and watch for thee;_____ Go,

Pno.

29

S mount_____ the wave, life - sav - ing ark— Thy mis - sion_____ is on the

A mount the wave, life - sav - ing ark— Thy mis - sion_____ is on the

T mount the wave, life - sav - ing ark— Thy mis - sion_____ is on the

B mount the wave, life - sav - ing ark— Thy mis - sion_____ is on the

Pno.

32

S sea. _____ A - way, _____ a - way, _____ the wild o - cean's thy home, _____ They

A sea. _____ A - way, a - way, a - way, a - way, a - way, a - way, a - way, a - way, They

T sea. _____ A - way, a - way, a - way, a - way, a - way, a - way, a - way, a - way, They

B sea. _____ A - way, a - way, a - way, a - way, a - way, a - way, a - way, a - way, They

Pno.

35

S wait and watch for thee, _____ They wait and watch for thee; _____ Go, mount _____ the wave, _____ dash

A wait and watch for thee, _____ They wait and watch for thee; _____ Go, mount the wave, go, mount the wave,

T wait and watch for thee, _____ They wait and watch for thee; _____ Go, mount the wave, go, mount the wave,

B wait and watch for thee, _____ They wait and watch for thee; _____ Go, mount the wave, go, mount the wave,

Pno.

Lento

38

S through the foam, Thy mis-sion is on the sea.

A dash thro' the foam, dash thro' the foam, Thy mis-sion is on the sea.

T dash thro' the foam, dash thro' the foam, Thy mis-sion is on the sea.

B dash thro' the foam, dash thro' the foam, Thy mis-sion is on the sea.

Pno.

Tempo 1

41

S Cleav-ing the surge when the tem-pest howls, And the light-nings flash with a viv-id glare;

A Cleav-ing the surge when the tem-pest howls, And the light-nings flash with a viv-id glare;

T Cleav-ing the surge when the tem-pest howls, And the light-nings flash with a viv-id glare;

B Cleav-ing the surge when the tem-pest howls, And the light-nings flash with a viv-id glare;

Pno.

43

S And the

A And the

T And the

B And the

Pno.

f

Sea

*

45

S thun - der star-tles the sink - ing souls, Who shriek in their wild des -

A thun - der star-tles the sink - ing souls, Who shriek in their wild des -

T thun - der star-tles the sink - ing souls, Who shriek in their wild des -

B thun - der star-tles the sink - ing souls, Who shriek in their wild des -

Pno.

ff

Meno mosso

S pair, No hope, no help, no suc - cour near; Go,

A pair, No hope, no help, no suc - cour near; Go,

T pair, No hope, no help, no suc - cour near; Go,

B pair, No hope, no help, no suc - cour near; Go,

Pno. *p*

Red. *

Tempo 1

S go, thy mis - sion's there. *mp dolce* Go, go, thou beau - ti - ful bouy - ant thing, *pp* A -

A go, thy mis - sion's there. *mp dolce* Go, go, thou beau - ti - ful bouy - ant thing, *pp* A -

T go, thy mis - sion's there. *pp* A -

B go, thy mis - sion's there. *pp* A -

Pno. *mp dolce*

55

S way to the res - cue speed, Skim like a bird on e -

A way to the res - cue speed, Skim like a bird on e -

T way to the res - cue speed,

B way to the res - cue speed,

Pno.

58

S las - tic wing, Safe - ly to those in need: A -

A las - tic wing, Safe - ly to those in need: A -

T Safe - ly to those in need: A -

B Safe - ly to those in need: A -

Pno.

61

S way, a - way, the wild o - - - cean's thy home, They

A way, a - way, a - way, a - way, a - way, a - way, a - way, a - way, They

T way, a - way, a - way, a - way, a - way, a - way, a - way, a - way, They

B way, a - way, a - way, a - way, a - way, a - way, a - way, a - way, They

Pno.

63

S wait and watch for thee, They wait and watch for thee; Go,

A wait and watch for thee, They wait and watch for thee;

T wait and watch for thee, They wait and watch for thee;

B wait and watch for thee, They wait and watch for thee;

Pno.

65

S mount the wave, dash through the foam, Thy

A Go, mount the wave, go, mount the wave, dash thro' the foam, dash thro' the foam, Thy

T Go, mount the wave, go, mount the wave, dash thro' the foam, dash thro' the foam, Thy

B Go, mount the wave, go, mount the wave, dash thro' the foam, dash thro' the foam, Thy

Pno.

67

S mis - sion is on the sea.

A mis - sion is on the sea.

T mis - sion is on the sea.

B mis - sion is on the sea.

Pno.

69

S Mann'dby a crew of as gal - lant men, As e'er swept oars in a storm - y sea;

A Mann'dby a crew of as gal - lant men, As e'er swept oars in a storm - y sea;

T Mann'dby a crew of as gal - lant men, As e'er swept oars in a storm - y sea;

B Mann'dby a crew of as gal - lant men, As e'er swept oars in a storm - y sea;

Pno.

71

S

A

T

B

Pno.

Adagio

S We pray God - speed and spare ye, A - men, A - men; We

A We pray God - speed and spare ye, A - men, A - men; We

T We pray God - speed and spare ye, A - men, A - men; We

B We pray God - speed and spare ye, A - men, A - men; We

Pno. *p*

S ⁷⁷ trust in Him, and we trust in thee, *pp* A - men, A - men. 12/8

A trust in Him, and we trust in thee, *pp* A - men, A - men. 12/8

T trust in Him, and we trust in thee, *pp* A - men, A - men. 12/8

B trust in Him, and we trust in thee, *pp* A - men, A - men. 12/8

Pno. *pp* 12/8

Tempo 1

81 *mp dolce*

S Then a-way, a - way to thy o - cean home, — They wait and watch for

A Then a-way, a - way to thy o - cean home, — They wait and watch for

T They wait and watch for

B They wait and watch for

Pno. *dolce p*

85

S thee; — Go, — mount the wave, dash — through the foam, Thy

A thee; — Go, mount the wave, dash — through the foam, Thy

T thee; — Thy

B thee; — Thy

Pno. *p*

88

S mission is on the sea; Mount the wave, dash

A mission is on the sea; Mount the wave, dash

T mis - sion is on the sea; A-way, a - way, a - way, a -

B mis - sion is on the sea; Mount the wave, dash

Pno.

91

S through the foam, Thy mis-sion is on the sea. A -

A through the foam, Thy mis-sion is on the sea. A -

T way, a-way, a - way, a - way, a - way to the sea. A -

B through the foam, Thy mis-sion is on the sea. A -

Pno.

94

S way, a - way, a - way, a - way, Thy mis-sion is on the

A way, a - way, a - way, a - way, Thy mis-sion is on the

T way, a - way, a - way, a-way, a - way, a-way, a - way, a-way, a -

B way, a - way, a - way, a - way, a - way, a-way, Thy mis-sion is on the

Pno.

97

S sea. A - way, a - way, a - way.

A sea. A - way, a - way, a - way.

T way, A - way, a - way, a - way.

B sea, Thy mission is on the sea. A - way, a - way, a - way, a - way.

Pno.

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