

The Ocean

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Adagio

mp

Soprano: Oh, oh, solo sop.

Alto: Oh, oh

Tenor: Oh, oh, The

Bass: Oh, ah-

Piano: mp, mf

This section consists of four staves. The first three staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor) sing a sustained note followed by a melodic line. The Bass staff has a sustained note followed by "ah-". The Piano staff provides harmonic support. The key signature changes from G major (two sharps) to F# major (one sharp) at the end of the section.

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S. *tutti* *mp* O - - - - cean A -

A. Deep, qui - et, and a - lone;

T. O - ocean has its si - lent caves, *mf*

B. Deep, qui - et, and a - lone;

Pno. *mp*

This section begins with a tutti dynamic. The Soprano and Alto sing the word "cean" together. The Tenor and Bass sing "Deep, quiet, and alone;". The Piano accompaniment features eighth-note chords. The key signature changes from G major to F# major.

9

S. lone; Be - neath them there is none.

A. Be - neath them there is none.

T. Though there be fu - ry on the waves, Be - neath them is none.

B. Though there be fu - ry on the waves, Be - neath them is none.

Pno.

14

S. none. The

A. there is none.

T. Qui - et and a - lone. The

B. Oh,-

Pno.

17

S. aw - ful spi - rits of the deep _____ And

A. Hold their com - mun - ion there; And

T. aw - ful spi - rits of the deep Hold their com - mun - ion there; And

B. aw - ful deep_ their com - mun - ion there; And

Pno.

21

S. there are those for whom we weep,- The young, the bright, the

A. there are those for whom we weep,- The young, the bright, the

T. there are for whom we weep,- young, bright,

B. there are those for whom we weep, young, bright, bright, and

Pno.

24

S. fair. fair.

A. fair. There are those for whom we weep. Calm - ly, the wear-ied

T. fair. There are those for whom we weep.

B. There are those for whom we weep, Calm - ly, the wear-ied

Pno.

29

S. Be - beneath their own blue sea. The

A. sea - men rest

T. Be - beneath their own blue sea.

B. sea - men rest

Pno.

32

S. oce - an so - li - tudes are blest, For there is pur - i - ty. The Blue *mp < mf*

A. oce - an so - li - tudes are blest, For there is pur - i - ty. The Blue *mp < mf*

T. Sol - i - tude *mp - mf*

B. Sol - i - tude *mp - mf*

Pno. *p* Sol - i - tude *mp - mf*

37 *rit.* *mp* **Grave** blue

A. So - li - tude *rit.*

T. blue *rit.* The earth has guilt, the *mf* with intensity

B. blue *rit.* The earth has guilt, the *mf* with intensity

Pno. *mp* *mf*

41

S. *mf*

A. Un - qui - et are its graves; *rit.*

T. *p* But peace - ful sleep is

B. earth has care, *rit.* But peace - ful sleep is

Pno.

45

S. *mp* Be -neath the dark blue waves, *a tempo, poco mio mosso*

A. *mp* Be -neath the dark blue waves, *a tempo, poco mio mosso*

T. *mf* ev - er there, Be -neath the dark blue waves, *a tempo, poco mio mosso* Blue

B. *mp* ev - er there, Be -neath the dark blue waves, *a tempo, poco piu mosso* Blue

Pno.

49

S. waves, ah.

A. waves, waves, Blue

T. waves, waves, Blue

B. waves, Blue waves

Pno.

53

S. rit. $\hat{\wedge}$, *mp* — *pp*

A. rit. $\hat{\wedge}$ *mp* — *pp*

T. rit. $\hat{\wedge}$, *mp* — *pp*

B. rit. $\hat{\wedge}$, *mp* — *pp*

Pno.