



Soft Glides the Sea

John A. Sterry
(1834-1902)

Flowing

S
Soft glides the sea, Bound-ing and free,

A
Soft glides the sea, Bound-ing and free,

T
Soft glides the sea, Bound-ing and free,

B
Soft glides the sea, Bound-ing and free,

Flowing

Piano

Soft Glides the Sea

Animato

5

S Dance the blue waves as they reach to the shore; *f* O'er vale and light

A Dance the blue waves as they reach to the shore; *f* O'er vale and light

T Dance the blue waves as they reach to the shore; *f* O'er vale and light

B Dance the blue waves as they reach to the shore; *f* O'er vale and light

Pno.

Light, rowing time

8 *dim.*

S Gleams the moon bright, Gai - ly the mar - i - ner

A Gleams the moon bright, *dim.* Gai - ly the mar - i - ner

T Gleams the moon bright, *dim.* Gai - ly the mar - i - ner

B Gleams the moon bright, *dim.* Gai - ly the mar - i - ner

Pno.

11

S plies the swift oar. Sing - ing a - while ere the

A plies the swift oar. Sing - ing a - while ere the

T plies the swift oar. Sing - ing a - while ere the

B plies the swift oar. Sing - ing a - while ere the

Pno.

15

S sun lights the main, Land of my birth! I shall

A sun lights the main, Land of my birth! I shall

T sun lights the main, Land of my birth! I shall

B sun lights the main, Land of my birth! I shall

Pno.

19

S
greet thee a - gain, Land of my birth! I shall

A
greet thee a - gain, Land of my birth! I shall

T
greet thee a - gain, Land of my birth! I shall

B
greet thee a - gain, Land of my birth! I shall

Pno.

23

S
greet thee a - gain.

A
greet thee a - gain.

T
greet thee a - gain.

B
greet thee a - gain.

Pno.

Tempo 1 Animato

29

S Night wears a-round, Sul-len and grey, Frowns the dark sea on the

A Night wears a-round, Sul-len and grey, Frowns the dark sea on the

T Night wears a-round, Sul-len and grey, Frowns the dark sea on the

B Night wears a-round, Sul-len and grey, Frowns the dark sea on the

Pno.

32

S wild rest-less deep; Light-ning's red flash, Thun-der's loud crash, *dim.*

A wild rest-less deep; Light-ning's red flash, Thun-der's loud crash, *dim.*

T wild rest-less deep; Light-ning's red flash, Thun-der's loud crash, *dim.*

B wild rest-less deep; Light-ning's red flash, Thun-der's loud crash, *dim.*

Pno.

Light, rowing time

35

S Swift - ly the gal - lant bark on - ward doth sweep.

A Swift - ly the gal - lant bark on - ward doth sweep.

T Swift - ly the gal - lant bark on - ward doth sweep.

B Swift - ly the gal - lant bark on - ward doth sweep.

Pno.

Light, rowing time

39

S Man - y a mile on the storm rid - den main,

A Man - y a mile on the storm rid - den main,

T Man - y a mile on the storm rid - den main,

B Man - y a mile on the storm rid - den main,

Pno.

43

S Land of my birth! I shall greet thee a - gain,

A Land of my birth! I shall greet thee a - gain,

T Land of my birth! I shall greet thee a - gain,

B Land of my birth! I shall greet thee a - gain,

Pno. *f*

47

S Land of my birth! I shall greet thee a - gain.

A Land of my birth! I shall greet thee a - gain.

T Land of my birth! I shall greet thee a - gain.

B Land of my birth! I shall greet thee a - gain.

Pno.

51

S
A
T
B

Pno.

55

Tempo 1

Animato

S
A
T
B

Pno.

Tem - pests are fled, Morn - ing hath shed, Light from her eye and

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58

S balm from her breath; All things re-joyce, Heard is the voice *dim.*

A balm from her breath; All things re-joyce, Heard is the voice *dim.*

T balm from her breath; All things re-joyce, Heard is the voice *dim.*

B balm from her breath; All things re-joyce, Heard is the voice *dim.*

Pno. *f* *dim.*

Light, rowing time

61

S Of the mar - i - ner now sing - ing prais - es of home. The

A Of the mar - i - ner now sing - ing prais - es of home. The

T Of the mar - i - ner now sing - ing prais - es of home. The

B Of the mar - i - ner now sing - ing prais - es of home. The

Pno. Light, rowing time

65

S
ships gal - lant row press - es on to the main,

A
ships gal - lant row press - es on to the main,

T
ships gal - lant row press - es on to the main,

B
ships gal - lant row press - es on to the main,

Pno.

69

S
f Land of my birth! I shall greet thee a - gain,

A
f Land of my birth! I shall greet thee a - gain,

T
f Land of my birth! I shall greet thee a - gain,

B
f Land of my birth! I shall greet thee a - gain,

Pno.

73

S Land of my birth! I shall greet thee a - gain.

A Land of my birth! I shall greet thee a - gain.

T Land of my birth! I shall greet thee a - gain.

B Land of my birth! I shall greet thee a - gain.

Pno.

77

Pno.

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John Augustus Sterry (1834-1902) was born in Norwich, Connecticut. He became an organist and composer in Norwich. He was the business manager, conductor and composer of The Continental Vocalists. The group was a successful and popular band of Connecticut natives, playing instruments and singing. They toured the country and were well received. He was editor of "The Continental Glee-Book," and composed sacred music, glees, quartets and songs. He died in Norwich.

Soft glides the sea,
Bounding and free,
Dance the blue waves as they reach to the shore;
O'er vale and light
Gleams the moon bright,
Gaily the mariner plies the swift oar.
Singing awhile ere the sun lights the main,
Land of my birth! I shall greet thee again.

Night wears around,
Sullen and grey,
Frowns the dark sea on the wild restless deep;
Lightning's red flash,
Thunder's loud crash,
Swiftly the gallant bark onward doth sweep.
Many a mile on the storm ridden main,
Land of my birth! I shall greet thee again.

Tempests are fled,
Morning hath shed,
Light from her eye and balm from her breath;
All things rejoice,
Heard is the voice
Of the mariner now singing praises of home.
The ships gallant row presses on to the main,
Land of my birth! I shall greet thee again.

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