

To My Sister MARY, Affectionately.

A Sailor's Grave by the Sea.

SONG and CHORUS.

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Introduction.

Andante moderato.

The introduction consists of two staves of music. The upper staff is in treble clef and the lower staff is in bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The music begins with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic. The melody in the upper staff features a series of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass line provides a steady accompaniment. The piece concludes with a *ritard.* (ritardando) and a piano (*p*) dynamic.

The first two lines of the song are presented with vocal lines and piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in bass clef. The key signature remains two flats, and the time signature is 3/4. The first line of the vocal melody is marked with a piano (*p*) dynamic. The lyrics are: "1. A grave by the sea where - in" and "2. The dog he was left there to". The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

The final two lines of the song continue the vocal and piano parts. The vocal line is in treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in bass clef. The key signature remains two flats, and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "sleeps an old sail - or, On a cold win - ter's night he was washed to the" and "guard o'er his mas - ter, The look in his eye was a sad one to". The piano accompaniment continues to provide harmonic support for the vocal line.

shore, From the wreck of a ship that was lost in the har - bor,
see, The night it was dark when they left him in si - lence, To

Where man - y sank down to rise no more, On board the doomed
keep up his drea - ry, lone watch by the sea, A few weeks had

ship was the sail - or's dog Rov - er, Who tried, oh, so hard, his poor
passed and I found my - self wand'ring One eve - ning a - lone by the

mas - ter to save, The sail - or now sleeps in the sands near the
mur - mur - ing waves, That moaned as if griev - ing for faith - ful old

o - cean, While the faith - ful old dog, watch - es o - ver his grave.
 Rov - er, The dog who lay dead on the old sail - or's grave.

CHORUS.

A faith - ful dog watched o'er the grave of a sail - or, No one could

drive him a - way, In sun - shine, in clouds, in rain, snow or

hail, He watch - es there day af - ter day.

ritard. *p* *D.C.*