

I'm Afloat! I'm Afloat!

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Spiritoso

The musical score is written for piano in 3/4 time, featuring a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It is divided into four systems of staves, each with a treble and bass clef. The first system begins with a tempo marking of 'Spiritoso'. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the bass clef provides harmonic support with chords and single notes. The second system starts at measure 8. The third system starts at measure 14 and includes a key change to two flats (B-flat and E-flat) at measure 18. The fourth system starts at measure 20 and concludes the piece with a final chord in the new key signature.

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I. I'm a - float! I'm a - float! on the fierce roll - ing tide, The o - cean's my

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F F C7/F Bb/F C7/F F F C/F Bb/F

32

home, and my bark is my bride! Up! up! with my flag! let it wave o'er the

32

F Gm7/F F Bb/F F C7 F F C7 Bb/C C7

38

sea, I'm a - float! I'm a - float! and the rov - er is free! I fear not the

38

F Dm Gm/Bb C7 F A7

44

mon-arch, I heed not the law; I've a com-pass to steer by, a dag-ger to draw; And

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Dm Gm7 C F/C C F/C C

51

ne'er as a cow-ard or slave will I kneel, While my guns car - ry

51

C Gm7 Gm7 F/G F/C C C C

56

shot, or my belt bears a steel! Quick! quick! trim her sails; let her sheets kiss the

56

C C/G G7 C F F C7/F Bb/F C7/F

62

wind And I war-rant we'll soon leave the sea-gulls be - hind; Up! up! with my

F F C/F B \flat /F F Gm7/F F B \flat /F F C7 F

68

flag! let it wave o'er the sea! I'm a - float! I'm a - float! and the rov - er is

F C7 B \flat /C C7 F Dm Gm/B \flat C7

74

free! I'm a - float! I'm a - float! and the rov - er is free!

F Dm B $^{\circ}$ 7 C7 F

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85

2. The night gath - ers o'er us, the

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F F

91

thun - der is heard; What mat - ter, our ves - sel skims on like a bird; What to

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C7/F Bb/F C7/F F F C/F Bb/F F Gm7/F F Bb/F F C7

97

her is the dash of the storm rid - den main? She has braved it be -

F F C7 B \flat /C C7 F Dm

102

fore, and will brave it a - gain! The fire-gleam-ing flash-es a - round us may

G m/B \flat C7 F A7 Dm G m7

108

fall; They may strike, they may cleave, but they can-not ap - pall; With light - nings a -

C F/C C F/C C C G m7

114

bove us, and dark - ness be - low, Thru the wild waste of wa - ters right

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Gm7 F/G F/C C C C C

119

on-ward we go; Hur - rah! my brave boys, ye may drink, ye may sleep, The

119

C/G G7 C F F C7/F Bb/F C7/F F

125

storm fiend is hushed, we're a - lone on the deep. Our flag of de - fi - ance still

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F C/F Bb/F F Gm7/F F Bb/F F C7 F F

131

waves o'er the sea, Hur - rah! boys hur - rah! the rov - er is free! Hur -

C7 B \flat /C C7 F Dm Gm/B \flat C7 F

137

rah! boys hur - rah! the rov - er is free!

Dm B $^{\circ}$ 7 C7 F *p*

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