

Program Notes

"Crossing the Bar" creates images of the sea, with the "final voyage" leading us out across the water, to see our "Pilot, face to face." The musical setting endeavors to express the growth from peaceful to ecstatic moods; the tolling of the bell, the meeting of the Pilot. "May there be no moaning of the bar, when I put out to sea."

—Gwyneth Walker

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Publishers Notes

Duration: 3'30"

Instrumentation

2 Flutes
1 Oboe
1 Clarinet
1 Bassoon
2 Horns
2 Trumpets
1 Trombone
Percussion (1 player)
Strings

The full score (Catalog No. 6375) and parts (Catalog No. 6376) are available from the publisher.

Crossing the Bar

for SATB Chorus and Chamber Orchestra or Piano

Alfred, Lord Tennyson (1809–1892)

Gwyneth Walker

Gently, reverently ♩ = 100

Piano

p

Ped. *sim.*

7

S A

un*is.* *p* peacefully

Sun - set and eve-ning star, and one clear call for me! And

T B

un*is.* *p* peacefully

Sun - set and eve-ning star, and one clear call for me! And

13

A peacefully

Ped. *sim.*

may there be no moan-ing of the bar, when I put_ out to sea._____

may there be no moan-ing of the bar, when I put_ out to sea._____ And

* These tenuto marks denote sustained singing through the phrase, with slight emphasis on each marked note.

18 *rit.* --- *accel.* ----- **Slightly faster** ♩ = 112
mf

S when I put out to sea. *mf*

A when I put out to sea. *mf*

T may there be no moan-ing of the bar, when I put out to sea. *mf*

B may there be no moan-ing of the bar, when I put out to sea. *mf*

rit. --- *accel.* ----- **Slightly faster** ♩ = 112
mf

23 *rit.* ----- **Slightly slower** **B** ♩ = 100
p quasi recitative (almost spoken)

S But such a tide as mov - ing seems a - sleep, too *p*

A But such a tide as mov - ing seems a - sleep, too *p quasi recitative (almost spoken)*

T But such a tide as mov - ing seems a - sleep, too

B But such a tide as mov - ing seems a - sleep, too

rit. ----- **Slightly slower** **B** ♩ = 100
p murmuring

Ped.

27

p full for sound and foam, When that which drew from out the

p full for sound and foam, When that which drew from out the

p When that which drew from out the

p when that which drew from out the

sim. *accel.*

30

f bound - less deep turns a - gain home. Sun - set and

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accel. *a tempo* $\text{C} \text{ } \dot{=} 112$

Red. *sim.*

34 *rit. ----- Slightly slower* *p* *rit. ----*

eve-ning star, and one clear call for me! And may there be no moan-ing of the bar, when

eve-ning star, and one clear call for me! And may there be no moan-ing of the bar, when

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eve-ning star, and one clear call for me! And may there be no moan-ing of the bar, when

rit. ----- Slightly slower *rit. ----*

8^{vb}----- *loco* *p*

39 *mf* *p*

I put out to sea.

mf *p*

I put out to sea.

mf *p*

I put out to sea.

mf *p*

I put out to sea.

accel. ----- $\text{♩} = 112$ *rit. ----*

mf *sim.*

Ped. *sim.*

D Peacefully

$\text{♩} = 100$

44

T *p hushed*
 Twi - light and eve - ning bell and af - ter that the

B *p hushed*
 Twi - light and eve - ning bell and af - ter that the

D Peacefully

$\text{♩} = 100$

as a bell tolling in the distance

p

much Pedal through bar 57

51

pp almost whispered, as if from afar

E

(pp)

S *pp almost whispered, as if from afar*
 af - ter that the dark, and af - ter that the dark, and may fare -

pp almost whispered, as if from afar

(pp)

A *pp almost whispered, as if from afar*
 af - ter that the dark, and af - ter that the dark, and may fare -

(p)

T dark! _____ And may there be no sad - ness of fare - well, _____

(p)

B dark! _____ And may there be no sad - ness of fare - well, _____

E

55 *accel.* ♩ = 112
mf

well, fare - well, when I em - bark; and may there be no sad - ness of fare - well when

well, fare - well, when I em - bark; and may there be no sad - ness of fare - well when

when I em - bark; and may there be no sad - ness of fare - well when

when I em - bark; and may there be no sad - ness of fare - well when

mf

accel. ♩ = 112
mf

60 *(mf)* **F**

I em - bark; for tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place the

I em - bark; for tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place the

I em - bark;

I em - bark;

(mf)

F

64 *p* *rit.*

flood may bear me far,

flood may bear me far,

mf

I hope to see my Pi-lot face to face when I have crossed the

mf

I hope to see my Pi-lot face to face when I have crossed the

p *rit.*

mf

rit.

69 *rit.* **G** **Slower, grandly** **a tempo** ♩ = 112

f

I hope to see my Pi-lot face to face when I have crossed the bar.

f

I hope to see my Pi-lot face to face when I have crossed the bar.

f

bar. I hope to see my Pi-lot face to face when I have crossed the bar.

f

bar. I hope to see my Pi-lot face to face when I have crossed the bar.

rit. **G** **Slower, grandly** **a tempo** ♩ = 112

f

loco

rit.

74

p **H**
Face to
Face to
Face to face,
Face to face,

p **H**
Ped.

sim.

78

face,
face,
face to face,
face to face,

p **H**
Ped.

sim.

80

cresc. poco a poco

face, face to face,
cresc. poco a poco

face, face to face,
cresc. poco a poco

face to face, face to

face to face, face to

cresc. poco a poco

Red.

rit.

83 (*cresc. poco a poco*) **I Slower, very grandly**

face to face, for I can see my Pi-lot face to
ff

face to face, for I can see my Pi-lot face to
ff

face, for I can see my Pi-lot face to
ff

face, for I can see my Pi-lot face to

rit. **Slower, very grandly**

I

cresc. poco a poco *ff*

Red. *Red.* *Red.*

J *poco accel.*

face, a - cross the bar,

face, a - cross the bar,

face, a - cross the bar,

face, a - cross the bar,

J *poco accel.*

Red. *sim.*

Slightly faster

rit. to end

a - cross the bar!

a - cross the bar!

a - cross the bar!

a - cross the bar!

a - cross the bar!

Slightly faster

rit. to end

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3'30"

