



The ocean fairies

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William Aubrey Powell (c. 1838–1890) was born in Wales and immigrated to the U. S., settling in Scranton, Pennsylvania. He directed the Choral Society of Scranton and was the first choirmaster and organist of the First Welsh Baptist Church in Scranton. He was also editor of the Welsh periodical *Y Ford Gron*. He died in Scranton. He composed a number of partsongs/glees.

This edition has restored a few words of the poem to those in the original published version.

Silently, silently, over the sea,
The vesper breeze is blowing,
Silently, silently, over the sea,
Our faëry barque is going.

We hoist no sail to the dying gale,
We have no helm to guide;
But we whisper our spell to those who dwell
Beneath that sunless tide.

Our wayward course wherever we roam
By starlike eyes is lit;
Our barque is of the ocean foam,
The tempest fashion'd it.

The waves that leap o'er the mighty deep
Our nimble playmates be;
And the low distant wail of the dying gale
Our ocean melody.

Merrily, merrily over the sea
Our faëry barque is going,
As on we glide the beautiful tide,
How soft the breeze is blowing.

We hoist no sail to the dying gale,
We have no helm to guide;
But we whisper our spell to those who dwell
Beneath that sunless tide.

John Graham (1774–1844)

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Allegretto

S *p* Si - lent - ly, si - lent - ly, o - ver the sea, _____ The ves - per breeze is

A *p* Si - lent - ly, si - lent - ly, o - ver the sea, _____ The ves - per breeze is

T *p* Si - lent - ly, si - lent - ly, o - ver the sea, _____ The ves - per breeze is

B *p* Si - lent - ly, si - lent - ly, o - ver the sea, _____ The ves - per breeze is

S ⁵ blow - ing, The ves - per breeze is blow - ing, *f* Si - lent - ly,

A blow - ing, The ves - per breeze is blow - ing, *f* Si - lent - ly, si -

T blow - ing, The ves - per breeze is blow - ing, *f* Si - lent - ly,

B blow - ing, The ves - per breeze is blow - ing, *f* Si - lent - ly, si -



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S si - lent - ly, o - ver the sea, ——— Our faër - y barque, our faër - y barque is

A - lent - ly, o - ver the sea, ——— Our faër - y barque, our faër - y barque is

T si - lent - ly, o - ver the sea, ——— Our faër - y barque, our faër - y barque is

B - lent - ly, o - ver the sea, ——— Our faër - y barque, our faër - y barque is

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S go - ing. We hoist _____ no sail to the

A go - ing. We hoist _____ no sail to the

T go - ing. We hoist _____ no sail to the

B go - ing. We hoist _____ no sail to the

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S dy - ing _____ gale, We _____ have, _____ we have no helm to

A dy - ing _____ gale, We _____ have, _____ we have no helm to

T dy - ing _____ gale, We have no helm _____ to

B dy - ing _____ gale, We _____ have, _____ we have no helm to

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S guide; But we whis - per our spell *p* to those who dwell *f* Be - neath _____ that

A guide; But we whis - per our spell *p* to those who dwell *f* Be - neath _____ that

T guide; But we whis - per our spell *p* to those who dwell *f* Be - neath, _____ be -

B guide; But we whis - per our spell *p* to those who dwell *f* Be - neath, _____ be -

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S sun - - less tide, _____ We whis - per, we whis - per, we *pp*

A sun - less tide, _____ We whis - per, we whis - per, we *pp*

T neath that sun - less tide, _____ We whis - per, whis - per, whis - per, whis - per, *pp*

B neath that sun - less tide, _____ We whis - per, whis - per, whis - per, whis - per, *pp*

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S whis - per our spell _____ to those _____ who dwell _____ Be - *f*

A whis - per our spell _____ to those _____ who dwell _____ Be - *f*

T whis - per our spell _____ to those _____ who dwell _____ Be - *f*

B whis - per our spell _____ to those _____ who dwell _____ Be - *f*

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S *p* neath that sun - less tide. *rall.* *pp*

A *p* neath that sun - less tide, *rall.* Be - neath that sun - less tide. *pp*

T *p* neath that sun - less tide, *rall.* Be - neath that sun - less tide. *pp*

B *p* neath that sun - less tide. *rall.* *pp*

Moderato

S *mf* Our way - ward course wher - ev - er we roam By

A *mf* Our way - ward course wher - ev - er we

T *mf* Our way - ward course wher - ev - er we

B *mf* Our way - ward course wher - ev - er we

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S star - like eyes is lit; Our barque is of the

A roam By star - like eyes is lit; Our barque is of the

T roam By star - like eyes is lit; Our barque is of the

B roam By star - like eyes is lit; Our barque is of the

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S o - cean foam, The tem - pest, the tem - pest fash - ion'd

A o - cean foam, The tem - pest, the tem - pest fash - ion'd

T o - cean foam, The tem - pest fash - ion'd

B o - cean foam, The tem - pest fash - ion'd

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S it. The waves that leap o'er the might - y

A it. The waves, the waves that leap o'er the might - y, the might - y

T it. The waves that leap o'er the might - y

B it. The waves, the waves that leap o'er the might - y, the might - y

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S deep Our nim - ble, nim - ble, nim - ble play - mates be; And the

A deep Our nim - ble, nim - ble, nim - ble play - mates be; And the

T deep Our nim - ble, nim - ble, nim - ble play - mates be; And the

B deep Our nim - ble, nim - ble, nim - ble play - mates be; And the

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S low — dis - tant wail of the dy - ing gale Our o - cean

A low — dis - tant wail of the dy - ing gale — Our o - cean

T low — dis - tant wail of the dy - ing gale — Our o - cean

B low dis - tant wail of the dy - ing gale Our o - cean

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S mel - o - dy. — *dim.*

A mel - o - dy, Our o - cean mel - o - dy. — *dim.*

T mel - o - dy, Our o - cean mel - o - dy. — *dim.*

B mel - o - dy. — *dim.*

Tempo primo

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S *mf* Mer - ri - ly o - ver the sea Our faër - y barque — is

A *mf* Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly o - ver the sea Our faër - y barque is

T *mf* Mer - ri - ly o - ver the sea Our faër - y barque is

B *mf* Mer - ri - ly, mer - ri - ly o - ver the sea Our faër - y barque is

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S go - ing, As on we glide the beau - ti - ful tide, How soft the

A go - ing, As on we glide the beau - ti - ful tide, How soft the

T go - ing, As on we glide the beau - ti - ful tide, How soft

B go - ing, As on we glide the beau - ti - ful tide, How soft

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S breeze is blow - ing, how soft the breeze is

A breeze is blow - ing, how soft the breeze is

T the breeze is blow - ing, how soft the breeze is

B the breeze is blow - ing, how soft the breeze is

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S blow - - - - ing. We

A blow - - - - ing. We

T blow - - - - ing. We

B blow - - - - ing. We

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S hoist _____ no sail to the dy - ing _____ gale, We _____

A hoist _____ no sail to the dy - ing _____ gale, We _____

T hoist _____ no sail to the dy - ing _____ gale, We _____

B hoist _____ no sail to the dy - ing _____ gale, We _____

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S have, _____ we have no helm to guide; But we whis - per our spell to *p* *f*

A have, _____ we have no helm to guide; But we whis - per our spell to *p* *f*

T have no helm _____ to guide; But we whis - per our spell to *p* *f*

B have, _____ we have no helm to guide; But we whis - per our spell to *p* *f*

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S those who dwell Be - neath, _____ be - neath _____ that tide, _____ We whis - per, we *pp*

A those who dwell Be - neath _____ that sun - less tide, _____ We whis - per, we *pp*

T those who dwell Be - neath, _____ be - neath that sun - less tide, _____ We whis - per, whis - per, *pp*

B those who dwell Be - neath, _____ be - neath that sun - less tide, _____ We whis - per, whis - per, *pp*

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S
whis - per, we whis - per our spell _____ to those _____ who

A
whis - per, we whis - per our spell _____ to those _____ who

T
whis - per, whis - per, whis - per our spell _____ to those _____ who

B
whis - per, whis - per, whis - per our spell _____ to those _____ who

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S
dwell _____ Be - neath _____ that sun - less _____ tide. _____

A
dwell _____ Be - neath that sun - less tide, _____ Be - neath that sun - less tide. _____

T
dwell _____ Be - neath that sun - less tide, _____ Be - neath that sun - less tide. _____

B
dwell _____ Be - neath _____ that sun - less tide. _____

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