

The Blackbird

For S.A.T.B. Choir and Piano

Nova Scotia Folk Song
arr. by Gary Ewer

Andante con moto ♩=104

Piano *p*

pedal freely

The piano introduction is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features a melody in the right hand with a tempo marking of 'Andante con moto' and a metronome marking of ♩=104. The left hand provides a harmonic accompaniment. The piece begins with a piano (*p*) dynamic and includes a 'pedal freely' instruction.

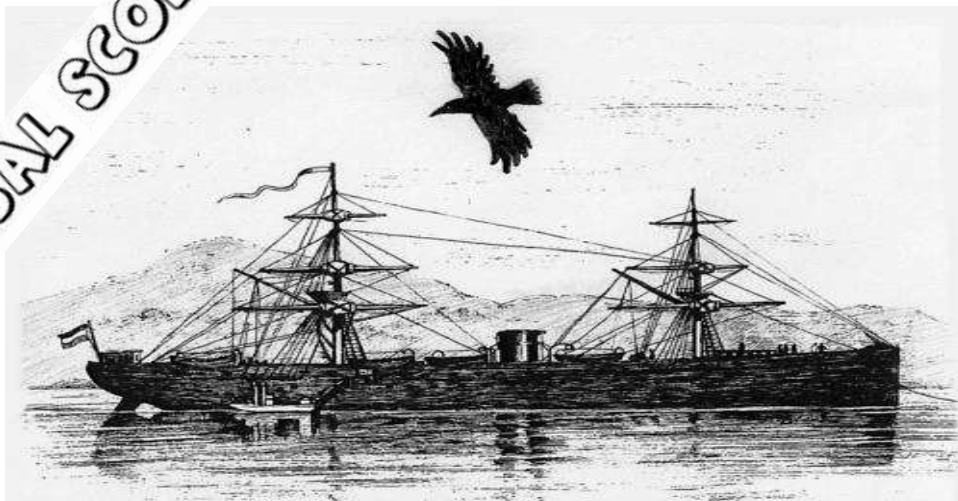
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Verse

solo or all tenors and basses *1st time only p unis.*

1. I. _____

The vocal part begins at measure 5 with a rest. The piano accompaniment continues. A box indicates that the vocal part is for 'solo or all tenors and basses' and is marked '1st time only p unis.'. Below the vocal line, the first line of lyrics is indicated as '1. I. _____'. The piano part continues with a melody in the right hand and accompaniment in the left hand.



9 sopranos and altos unison on verse 2

(2.) true love is hand - some in ev - 'ry de - gree, My par - ents de -
once knew a maid - en whose for - tune was so, She cour - ted a



14

spise him be - cause he loves But... let them de -
sai - lor, a young sai - boy; She... cour - ted him



18

spise or say what they will, While there's life in my
ly by night and by day Un - til this young



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Chorus

(tutti) f both times

22

bo - som I'll love the lad still. Then if I were a
 sai - lor he sailed miles a - way. Then if I were a

26

black - bird I'd whis - tle an' sing, I would fol - low the
 black - bird I'd whis - tle sing, I would fol - low the

30

ship t'at my true love sailed in, and on the top
 .nat my true love sailed in, and on the top

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34

5

rig - ging I'd there build my nest Like an ea - gle I'd
 * I would pil - low my

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* Alternate text

38

fly head on his li - white - breast.

fly head on his ly white - breast.

41

1. (opt. Solo) **p**

2. My

p

45 2.

S *unis. mf*

A

3. If _____

p *mp*

49 *f* * Descant (a few sopranos) *A

S I was a scho - lar, han - dle a pen, A

A

mf

53 *unis.*

S let - - - ter I would send,

A - ter of love to my sai - lor I'd send, I would

Tell him my sor - rows, my griefs and my woes, If

Oo_____ oo_____

mf

I could but find him I wou^d crown him with
I v^ou^d crown him, I would crown him with

oo_____ would, I would crown him with

dim.

gold...

mp dim. *poco.rall.*

mp *p* *poco.rall.*

mp dim. *p* *poco.rall.*

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