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I'm Afloat! I'm Afloat!

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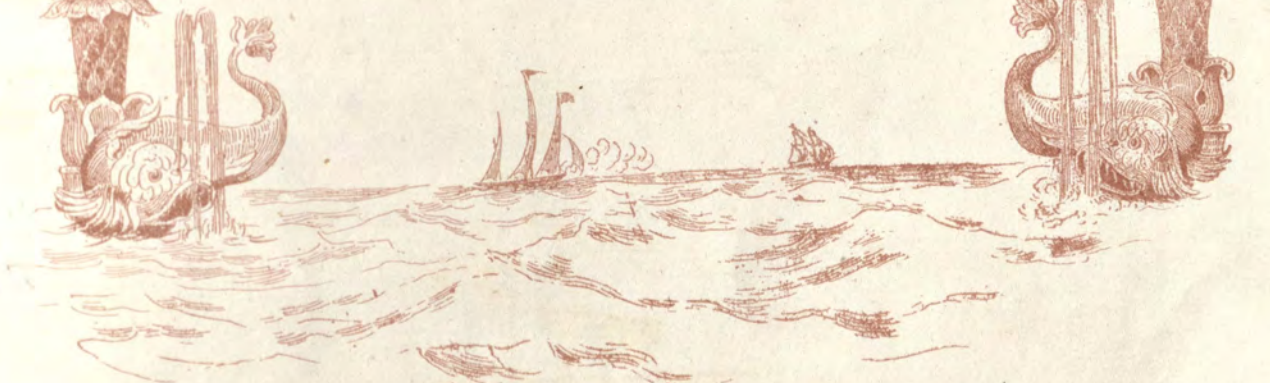
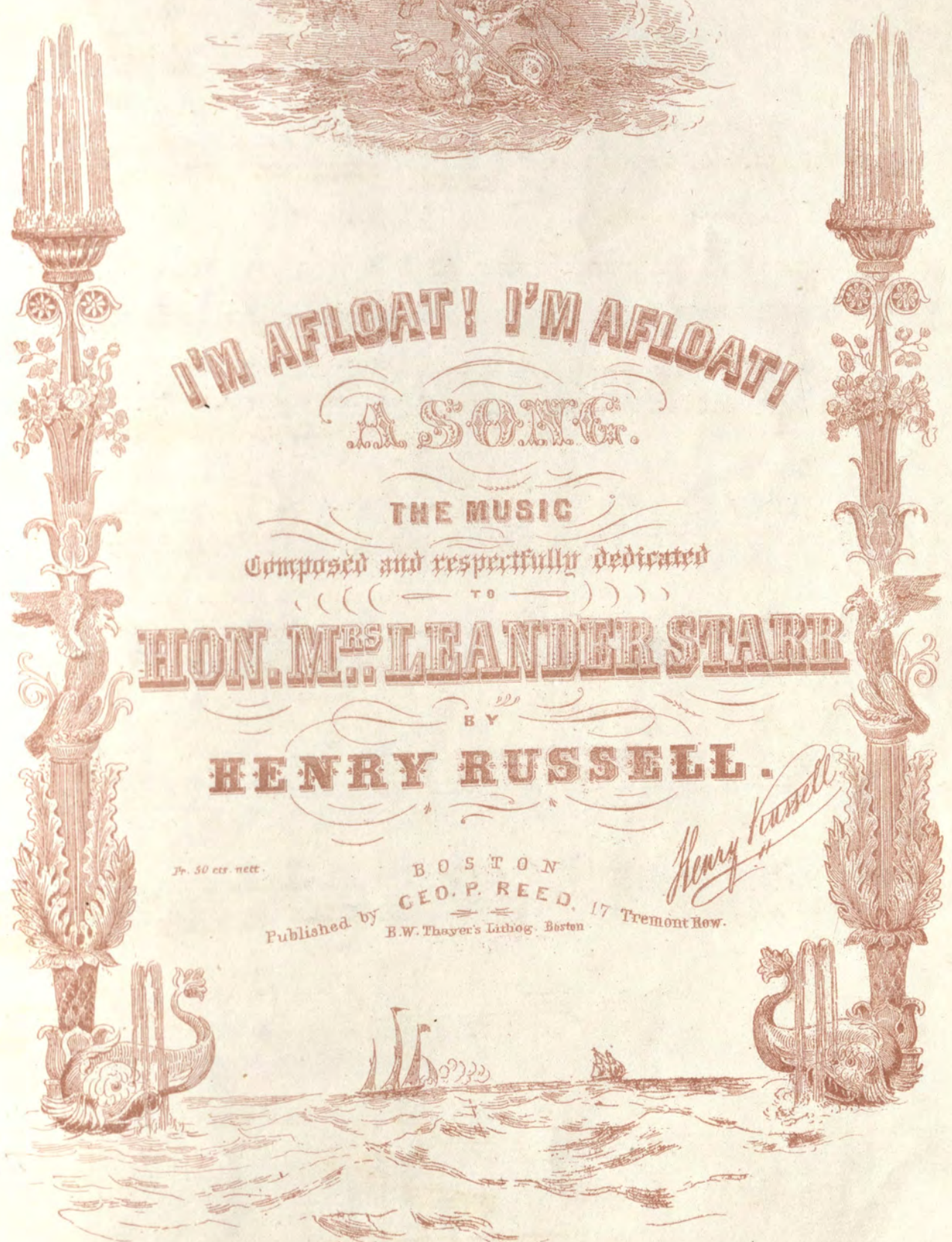
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I'm Afloat! I'm Afloat!

Words by Eliza Cook.

Music by Henry Russell.

TEMPO
SPIRITOSO.

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is a vocal line in treble clef, and the lower staff is a piano accompaniment in bass clef. Both are in 3/4 time and B-flat major. The tempo is marked 'TEMPO SPIRITOSO.'.

The second system continues the vocal and piano parts. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

The third system continues the vocal and piano parts. The piano accompaniment includes some triplet figures in the right hand.

The fourth system continues the vocal and piano parts. The piano accompaniment features a more active eighth-note bass line.

The fifth system is a single vocal line in treble clef, continuing the melody.

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

The sixth system is a piano accompaniment in bass clef, consisting of a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

home, and my bark is my bride! Up! up! with my flag! let it

wave o'er the sea, I'm a-float! I'm a - float! and the ro - ver is

free! I fear not the mon-arch, I heed not the law; I've a com-pass to

steer by, a dag-ger to draw; And ne'er as a cow-ard or slave will I

kneel, While my guns car - ry shot, or my belt bears a steel! Quick!

quick! trim her sails; let her sheets kiss the wind And I war - rant we'll

soon leave the sea - gulls be - hind; Up! up! with my flag! let it

wave o'er the sea! I'm a - float! I'm a - float! and the ro - ver is

free! I'm a - float! I'm a - float! and the ro - ver is free!

The first system of the musical score consists of a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line is written in a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 2/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "free! I'm a - float! I'm a - float! and the ro - ver is free!". The piano accompaniment is written in grand staff notation (treble and bass clefs). The right hand plays chords and moving lines, while the left hand plays a steady bass line.

The second system of the musical score consists of piano accompaniment. It continues the grand staff notation from the first system, with the right hand playing a rhythmic pattern of eighth and sixteenth notes, and the left hand providing harmonic support with chords and a bass line.

The night gathers o'er us, the thun - der is

The third system of the musical score consists of a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a double bar line and then continues with the lyrics: "The night gathers o'er us, the thun - der is". The piano accompaniment continues with the same grand staff notation.

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

The fourth system of the musical score consists of a vocal line and piano accompaniment. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: "heard; What mat - ter, our ves - sel skims on like a bird; What to her is the". The piano accompaniment continues with the same grand staff notation.

dash of the storm rid-den main? She has brav'd it be-fore, and will brave it a-gain! The

fire-gleaming flash-es a-round us may fall; They may strike, they may cleave, but they

can-not ap-pal; With lightnings a-bove us, and darkness be-low, Through the

wild waste of wa-ters right onward we go; Hur-rah! my brave boys, ye may drink, ye may

sleep, The storm fiend is hush'd, we're a lone on the deep— Our flag of de-

fi - ance still waves o'er the sea, Hur - rah! boys hur - rah! the ro - ver is

free! Hur - rah! boys hur - rah! the ro - ver is free!