

Our Wandering Ships

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Allegretto

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It begins with a piano introduction in 4/4 time, marked 'Allegretto'. The piano part features a series of triplet eighth notes in the left hand and a melody in the right hand. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The score is divided into three systems. The first system contains the piano introduction. The second system begins with a vocal entry on measure 5, with lyrics: '1. O, they sailed a - way so gai - ly, When our' and '2. Tho' our ships may hap - ly per - ish In the'. The piano accompaniment continues with triplet figures. The third system begins on measure 9, with lyrics: 'youth was in the prime! And we watch their com - ing' and 'lone, de - ceiv - ing waves, And the hopes we fond - ly'. The piano accompaniment continues with triplet figures. Chord symbols are placed above the piano staves: Bb7, Eb, Ab/C, Eb/Bb, Bb7, Eb, and Bb7.

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1. O, they sailed a - way so gai - ly, When our
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9

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12

$E\flat$ $E\dim 7$ $B\flat/F$ $F7/E\flat$ D $C\flat m/E\flat$ $E\dim 7$ *rit.*

dai - ly, From the fair en - chant - ed clime, From the
cher - ish Fol - low them to gloom - y graves, Fol - low

12

15

$B\flat/F$ $F7$ $B\flat$ $B\flat 7(\text{omit } 5)$ *cresc.*

fair en - chant - ed clime! They will bring us end - less
them to gloom - y graves, Time but leaves us where it

15

a tempo

18

$E\flat$ $E\flat 7$ $A\flat$

treas - ures From the mines be - yond the main; They will
found us, Wait - ing for them on the shore, While the

18

21 F7 Gm Gb7 *rall.* Bb/F F7

bring us fame and pleas - ures, We are sigh - ing for in
sim - ple joys a - round us. We are los - ing ev - er

21

colla voce

24 Bb N.C. *a tempo* Bb7 Eb

vain. more! They are sail - ing, they are sail - ing, O'er the

24

p *rit.* *a tempo*

27 Cm Ab7 G *rit.* Bb7/F Eb *a tempo* Ebdim7

o - cean's pearl - y foam, And our joy will be un -

27

rit. *a tempo*

30

$E\flat$ $B\flat 7$ $E\flat$

fail - ing, When our wan - d'ring ships come home! And our

30

33

Cm $A\dim 7$ $E\flat$ $B\flat 7(\text{omit } 5)$ $E\flat$

joy will be un - fail - ing, When our wan - d'ring ships come home!

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37

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