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THE
RIVER

SONG.

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THE RIVER*

River, mother of fighting men, (Rustula !)
Sternest barrier of our land, (Rustula !)
From thy bosom we drew life :
Ancient, honoured, mighty, grand !
Rustula !

Oh ! what worship had been thine, (Rustula !)
Hadst thou held the foemen, drowned ; (Rustula !)
Flood, more precious far than wine,
Victress, saviour, world-renowned !
Rustula !

Like a girl before her lover, (Rustula !)
How thou falterdst,—like a slave ;—(Rustula !)
Sank and fainted, low and lower,
When thy mission was to save.
Coward, traitress, shameless !
Rustula !

On thy narrowed, niggard strand, (Rustula !)
Despairing—now the tyrant's hand (Rustula !)
Grips the last remnant of our land,
Wounded and alone I stand,
Tricked, derided, impotent !
Rustula !

Pietro d'Alba.

From a Folk-Song (Eastern Europe)

* NOTE— . . . "The river was in full flood and, had it remained so another twenty-four hours, would undoubtedly have overwhelmed the enemy : but it sank far below its normal level more rapidly than it had risen three days before."

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Op. 60, N^o 2.

Allegro con fuoco.

Alliegro con fuoco.

ff marziale

allargando

Ped.

f risoluto

accel.

rit.

Ri - ver, mo-ther of fight-ing men,

f a tempo

sf

accel.

rit.

Ped.

p ad lib.

f a tempo

p ad lib.

(Rus-tu-la!) Stern-est bar-rier of our land, (Rus-tu-la!)

P

f a tempo

p

a tempo
f espress.

From thy bo-som we drew life:— An-cient, hon-oured,

f a tempo

rit. **f poco più lento** *accel.*

ff lento, *maestoso*

might-y, grand! Rus-tu-la!

ff *s f a tempo ff*

rit. **f a tempo. poco largamente**

Oh! what wor-ship had been

ad lib. **p espress.** *mf* *dim.* **pp**

thine, (Rus-tu-la!) Hadst thou held the foe-men, drowned;

p colla parte *mf* *dim.* **pp**

Ped. *

Ped. *

Ped. *

Ped. *

ad lib.
p rit. *f a tempo* *rit.* *f più mosso*

(Rus-tu-la!) Flood, more pre-cious far than wine, Vic-tress,

colla parte *dim.* *rit.* *f più mosso*

animato cresc. *ff* *lento*

sa-viour, world - re - nowned! Rus-tu-la!

colla parte *a tempo ff*

rit. *p espress.* *dim.*

Rus - tu - la!

dim. *p rit.* *pp colla parte*

p più lento e legato *ad lib.*

Like a girl be - fore her lo - ver, (Rus - tu - la!)

p più lento *PF colla parte*

a tempo *p ad lib.* *pp*

How thou fal-terdst, - like a slave; - (Rus-tu-la!) Sank and

a tempo *colla parte* *pp*

faint - ed, low and low-er, When thy mis-sion was to

dim. *ppp*

molto animato cresc. *f* *ff*

save. Cow-ard, trai-tress, shameless! Rus - tu - la!

molto animato cresc. *f*

a tempo *ff con fuoco* *accel.* *rit.*

ff quasi recit. *sf ad lib.*

On thy nar-rowed, nig-gard strand, (Rus-tu-la!) Des-

ff colla parte *sf* *colla parte*

a tempo *sf ad lib.*

-pair-ing,— now the ty-rant's hand (Rus-tu-la!)

a tempo *sf colla parte*

a tempo *f più lento espress.* *accel.* *ff largamente*

Grips the last remnant of our land,— Wound-ed

a tempo più lento *accel.* *ff colla parte* *sf*

sf presto

and a - lone I stand, Tricked, de - ri - ded,

sf *sf* *sf presto*

lento

im - po - tent! Rus - tu - la! _____

p a tempo *presto con fuoco*

fff sf sf

8va bassa.....
Ped.

lento
p espress. *pp*

Rus - tu - la!

dim. rit. p molto rit. pp colla parte