

Let's Be Gay

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A Celebrated Temperance Song

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Allegro

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It begins with a treble and bass clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature (C). The tempo is marked 'Allegro' and the instruction 'Con anima' is written below the first staff. The score is divided into three systems. The first system contains measures 1 through 4. The second system contains measures 5 through 8, with a measure rest in measure 6. The third system contains measures 9 through 12, with a measure rest in measure 10. The vocal line is written in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is written in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Let's be gay let's be gay let's be gay boys, Ha, ha ha ha ha ha ha' are written below the vocal line in the third system. The score includes dynamic markings such as '8va' and '8va-' indicating octave transposition. The piece concludes with a final chord in measure 12.

Con anima

5

10

Let's be gay let's be gay let's be gay boys, Ha, ha ha ha ha ha ha

10

14

ha ha ha, Let's be gay let's be gay let's be gay boys, We'll quaff, we'll quaff from this

14 (8^{va}) 8^{va}

18

cup, Ha, ha, — Let's be gay, let's be gay, let's be gay boys, Ha, ha ha ha ha ha ha

18 8^{va}

22

ha ha ha Let's be gay, let's be gay, let's be gay boys, We'll quaff, we'll quaff, from this

22 (8^{va}) 8^{va}

26

Poco Andante

cup, Ha, ha, — 'Tis night all a-round us the chill blast is howl - ing, 'Tis

30

night all a-round us the chill — blast is howl - ing, is howl - ing a - way

Vivace a poco

33

Let's be gay, let's be gay, let's be gay boys, Ha ha ha ha ha ha ha

37

ha ha ha Let's be gay, let's be gay, let's be gay boys, We'll quaff, we'll quaff from this

37 (8^{va}) 8^{va}

41 *a poco a poco*

cup, Ha, ha 'Tis night all a-round us, 'tis night all a-round us, 'Tis

41 *p* *pp* *pp*

45 **Allegro**

night all a-round us, Drink boys drink, drink boys drink, drink a-way boys,

45 *ppp* *mp*

50

drink, drink, drink, the sun's ap - pear - ing now, drink a - way boys drink, drink,

55

drink, the sun's ap - pear - ing now, Ha, ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha

60

ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha. ha.

65

Drink a-way boys drink, drink, drink, the sun's ap - pear - ing now,

69

Drink a-way boys drink, drink, drink, the sun's ap - pear - ing now, Ha ha ha ha

74

ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha

79

ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha

This system contains measures 79 through 83. The vocal line consists of a continuous sequence of eighth notes, each accompanied by the syllable 'ha'. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line in the left hand and chords in the right hand, with a key signature change from B-flat major to D-flat major at measure 82.

84

ha ha ha ha Drink boys drink, Drink a-way boys drink, drink,

This system contains measures 84 through 88. The vocal line begins with four 'ha' syllables on eighth notes, followed by 'Drink boys drink,' and 'Drink a-way boys drink, drink,' on quarter notes. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines in both hands, maintaining the D-flat major key signature.

90

drink, the sun's ap - pear - ing now, Drink a-way boys drink, drink,

This system contains measures 90 through 94. The vocal line continues with 'drink, the sun's ap - pear - ing now,' and 'Drink a-way boys drink, drink,'. The piano accompaniment continues with harmonic support, including a key signature change from D-flat major to B-flat major at measure 92.

94

drink, the sun's ap - pear - ing now, But let the draught, But let the draught,

98

but let the draught, let the draught be wa - ter, be wa - ter,

103

Ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha

108

ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha Drink a-way boys drink, drink,

113

Drink, the sun's ap - pear - ing now, Drink a-way boys drink, drink, But

117

let the draught be wa - ter, wa - ter, but let the

122

draught be wa - ter, wa - ter, Ha ha ha ha ha ha ha

127

ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha.