



# The ferry maiden

Alfred Gaul  
(1837-1913)

**Alfred Robert Gaul** (1837-1913) was born in Norwich and became a chorister in Norwich Cathedral at age nine. He earned a MusB degree from Cambridge University. He was organist at St. John's Church, Ladywood, and St. Augustine's Church, Edgbaston. He became conductor of the Walsall Philharmonic Society in 1887 and taught harmony and counterpoint at the Birmingham and Midland Institute and the King Edward VI High School for Girls. Gaul wrote a large quantity of choral music and is remembered as a composer of oratorios, cantatas, hymn tunes, chants, and part songs. His cantatas were very popular with Victorian choirs; "The Holy City" (1882) remained popular for a century.

Sir Roland to the river came,  
Full blithely there he cried,  
"O row me o'er the tide, lassie,  
O row me o'er the tide!

A piece of red, red gold, lassie,  
I'll gladly give to thee,  
For yonder tower's my lady's bower,  
And there she waits for me."

She rowed him o'er the water wide,  
She saw him leap to land,  
He left a piece of red, red gold,  
Within her lily hand.

And many a time she ferried him  
Across the water wide,  
And every time she dropt the gold  
A-down into the tide.

"O row us o'er the tide, lassie,  
O row us o'er the tide.  
I'll fill thy lap with red, red gold,  
For I have won my bride!"

The water laps among the reeds,  
No maiden makes reply,  
There in the river by her boat  
They see the maiden lie.

Frederic Edward Weatherly (1848-1929)

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A. R. Gaul

$\text{♩} = 66$   
*mf*

S Sir Ro - land to the ri - ver came, Full blithe - ly there he cried, "O

A Sir Ro - land to the ri - ver came, Full blithe - ly there he cried, he cried, "O

T Sir Ro - land to the ri - ver came, Full blithe - ly there he cried, he cried, "O

B Sir Ro - land to the ri - ver came, Full blithe - ly there he cried, "O

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S row me o'er the tide, las - sie, O row me o'er the tide! *slentando p*

A row me o'er the tide, las - sie, O row me o'er the tide! *slentando p*

T row me o'er the tide, las - sie, O row me o'er the tide, the tide! *slentando p*

B row me o'er the tide, las - sie, O row me o'er the tide, the tide! *slentando p*

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S piece of red, red gold, las - sie, I'll glad - ly give to thee, For *a tempo f cresc. f*

A piece of red, red gold, las - sie, I'll glad - ly give to thee, For *a tempo f cresc. f*

T piece of red, red gold, las - sie, I'll glad - ly give to thee, For *a tempo f cresc. f*

B piece of red, red gold, las - sie, I'll glad - ly give to thee, For *a tempo f cresc. f*



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S *rit.*  
yon - der tow'r's my la - dy's bow'r, And there she waits for

A *rit.*  
yon - der tow'r's my la - dy's bow'r, And there she waits for

T *rit.*  
yon - der tow'r's my la - dy's bow'r, And there she waits for

B *rit.*  
yon - der tow'r's my la - dy's bow'r, And there she waits for

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S *mf* *p* *rall.*  
me, she waits for me, she waits for me."

A *mf* *p* *rall.*  
me, she waits for me, she waits for me."

T *mf* *p* *rall.*  
me, she waits for me, she waits for me."

B *mf* *p* *rall.*  
me."

S *mf*  
She row'd him o'er the wa - ter wide, She saw him leap to land, He

A *mf*  
She row'd him o'er the wa - ter wide, She saw him leap to land, to land, He

T *mf*  
She row'd him o'er the wa - ter wide, She saw him leap to land, to land, He

B *mf*  
She row'd him o'er the wa - ter wide, She saw him leap to land, He

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S left a piece of red, red gold, With - in her li - ly hand. *p* And

A left a piece of red, red gold, With - in her li - ly hand. *p* And

T left a piece of red, red gold, With - in her li - ly hand, her hand. *p* And

B left a piece of red, red gold, With - in her li - ly hand, her hand. *p* And

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S ma - ny a time she fer - ried him A - cross the wa - ter wide, *cresc.* *f* And

A ma - ny a time she fer - ried him A - cross the wa - ter wide, *cresc.* *f* And

T ma - ny a time she fer - ried him A - cross the wa - ter wide, *cresc.* *f* And

B ma - ny a time she fer - ried him A - cross the wa - ter wide, *cresc.* *f* And

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S ev - 'ry time she dropt the gold A - down in - to the tide, in - to the *rit.* *mf*

A ev - 'ry time she dropt the gold A - down in - to the tide, in - to the *rit.* *mf*

T ev - 'ry time she dropt the gold A - down in - to the tide, in - to the *rit.* *mf*

B ev - 'ry time she dropt the gold A - down in - to the tide. *rit.* *mf*

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S *p* *rall.* tide, in - to the tide. *mf* *Slightly faster* "O row us o'er the tide, las - sie, O

A *p* *rall.* tide, in - to the tide. *mf* *Slightly faster* "O row us o'er the tide, las - sie, O

T *p* *rall.* tide, in - to the tide. *mf* *Slightly faster* "O row us o'er the tide, las - sie, O

B *p* *rall.* tide, in - to the tide. *mf* *Slightly faster* "O row us o'er the tide, las - sie, O

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S row us o'er the tide. *f* I'll fill thy lap with red, red gold, For

A row us o'er the tide, the tide. *f* I'll fill thy lap with red, red gold, For

T row us o'er the tide, the tide. *f* I'll fill thy lap with red, red gold, For

B row us o'er the tide. *f* I'll fill thy lap with red, red gold, For

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S *p* *Slower* I have won my bride!" *long pause* The wa - ter laps a - mong the reeds, No

A *p* *Slower* I have won my bride!" *long pause* The wa - ter laps a - mong the reeds, No

T *p* *Slower* I have won my bride!" *long pause* The wa - ter laps a - mong the reeds, No

B *p* *Slower* I have won my bride!" *long pause* The wa - ter laps a - mong the reeds, No

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S  
mai - den makes re - ply, \_\_\_\_\_ There, there in the ri - ver

A  
mai - den makes re - ply, There, there in the ri - ver

T  
8  
mai - den makes \_\_\_\_\_ re - ply, \_\_\_\_\_ There, there in the ri - ver

B  
mai - den makes re - ply, \_\_\_\_\_ There, there in the ri - ver

50 *rit.*

S  
by her boat They see \_\_\_\_\_ the mai - den lie, the mai - den lie, the mai - den lie. \_\_\_\_\_

A  
*rit.*  
by her boat They see the mai - den lie, the mai - den lie, the mai - den lie. \_\_\_\_\_

T  
8  
*rit.*  
by her boat They see \_\_\_\_\_ the mai - den lie, the mai - den lie, the mai - den lie. \_\_\_\_\_

B  
*rit.*  
by her boat They see the mai - den lie. \_\_\_\_\_

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