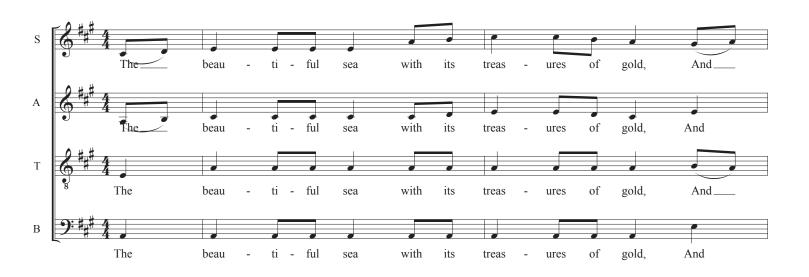


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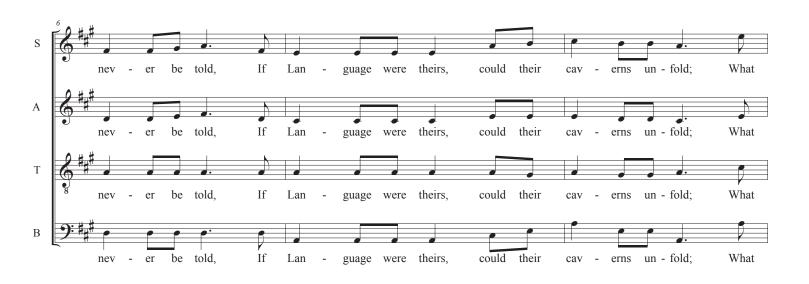
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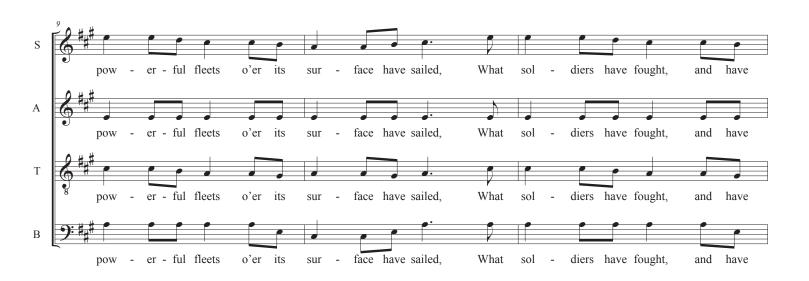


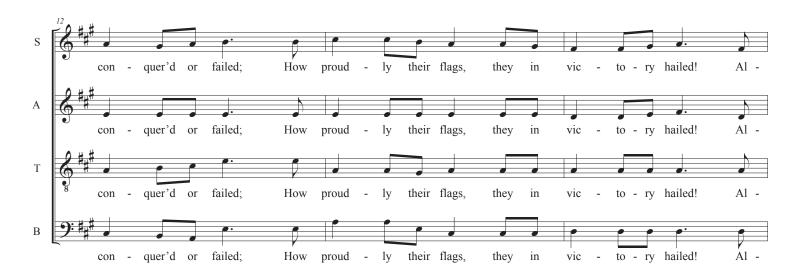


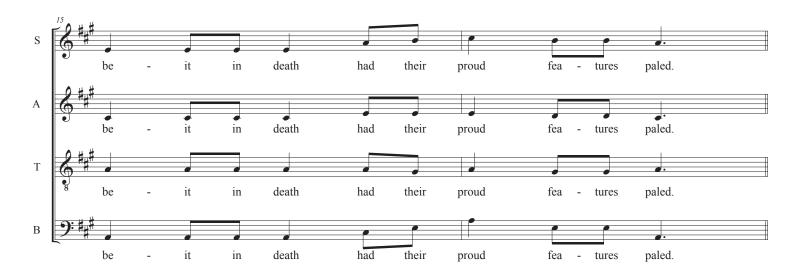


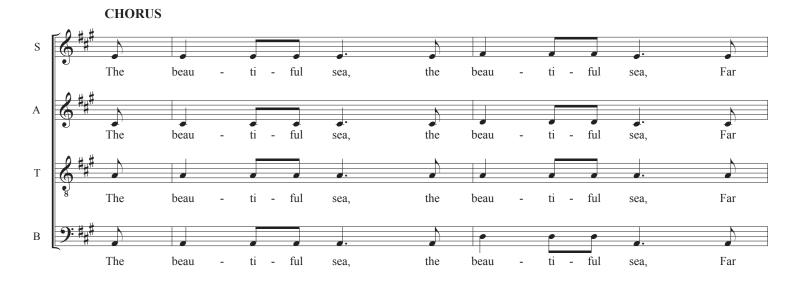
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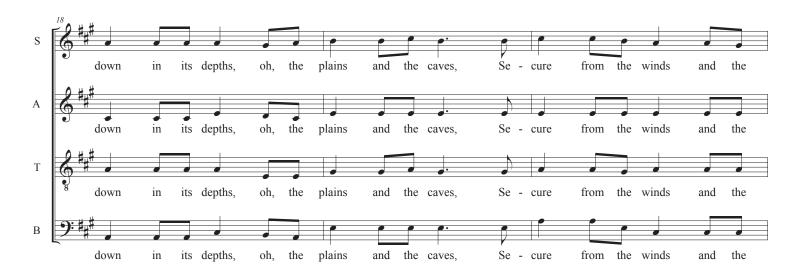


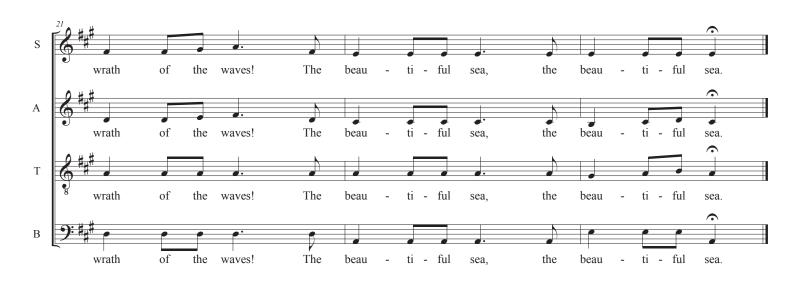


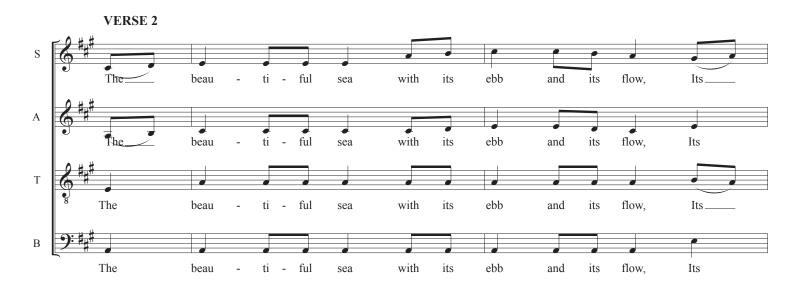


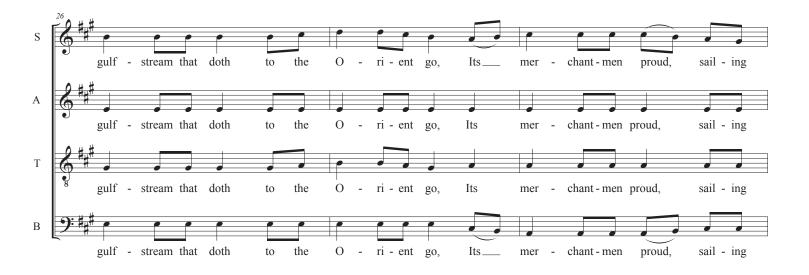




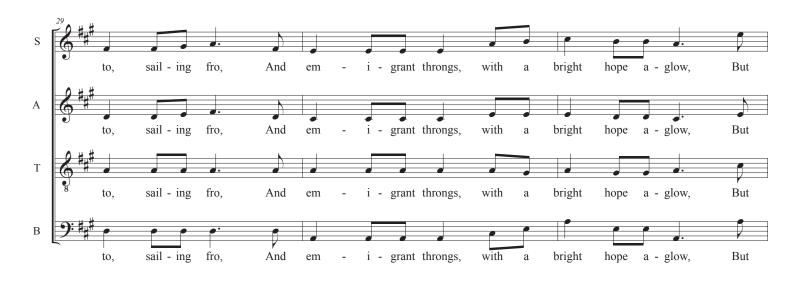


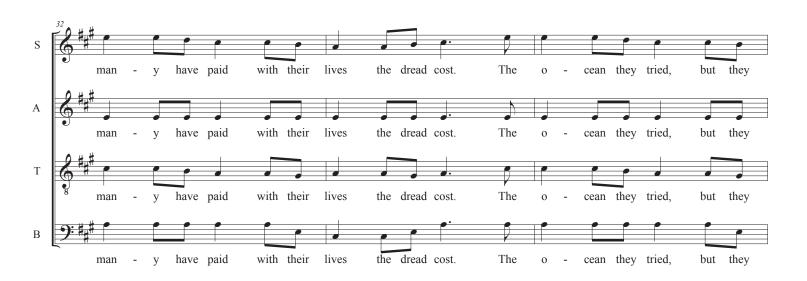


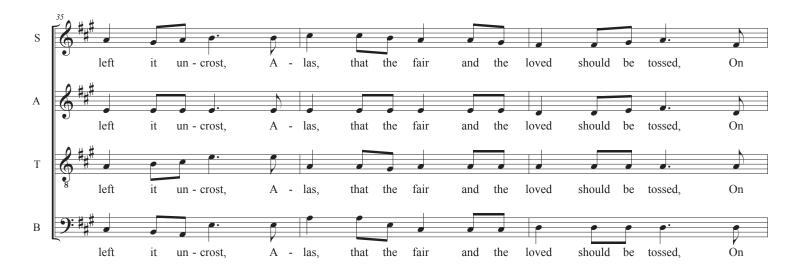




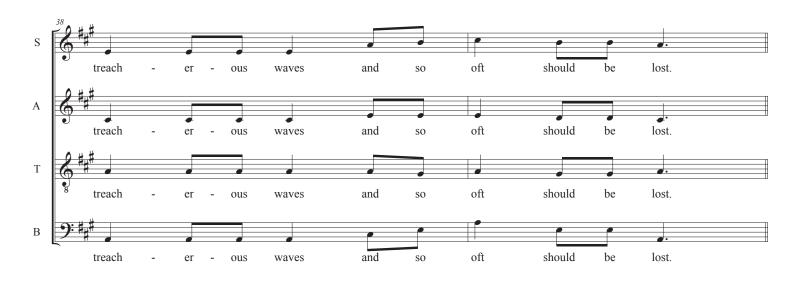


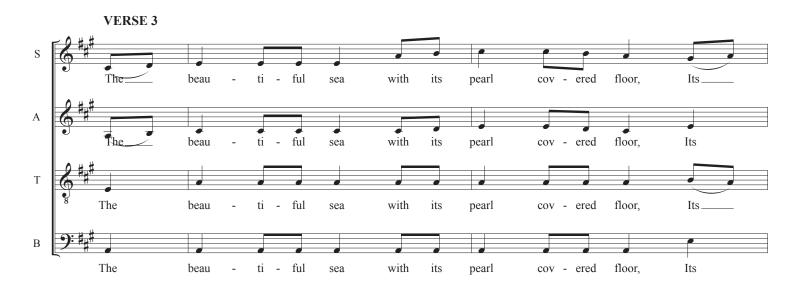


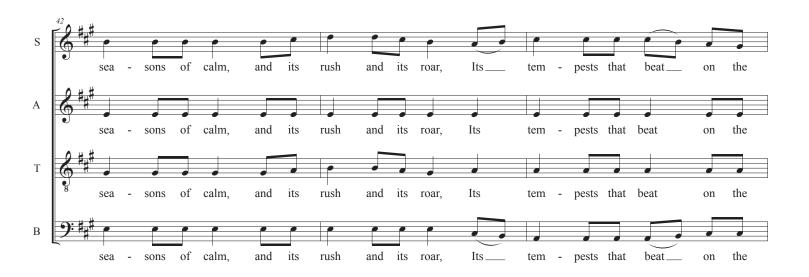


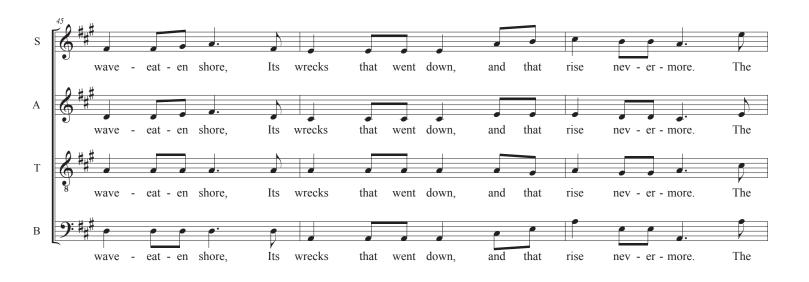


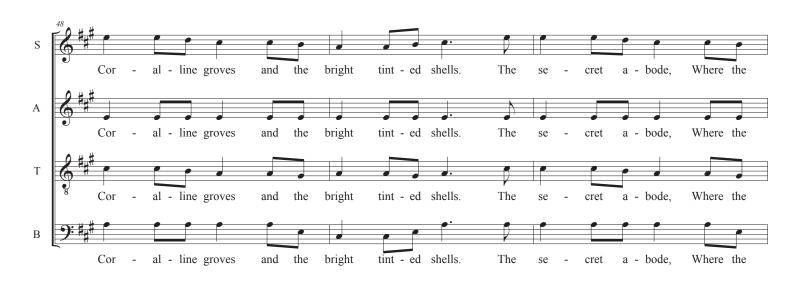
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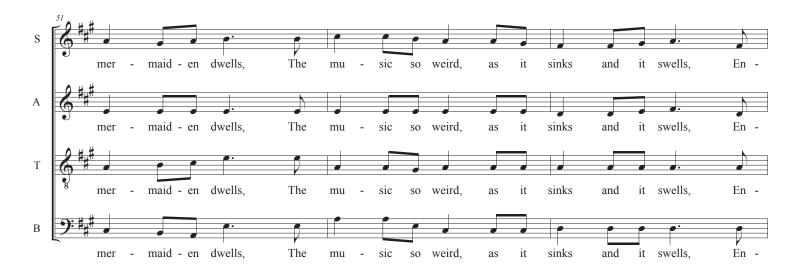


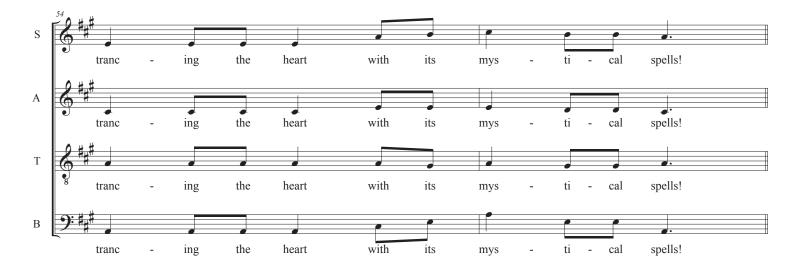












D. W. Christ (1887)

Daniel Webster Crist (1857-1929) was born in New Chambersburg, Ohio. His family was not wealthy and he worked as a farmer to attend Ohio Northern University. He was a natural talent and had only little formal musical training. He decided to publish his own music and invested all his resources to become a successful composer and music publisher, publishing a number of volumes of music for singing schools, Sunday schools and churches. He taught music privately and in many Ohio schools in Columbiana and Stark counties. He became superintendent of the Osnaburg grade school and was superintendent at New Franklin. In New Alexander he also served as a church music director and Sunday school superintendent. In 1901, he was elected to the Ohio state legislature and became a state senator in 1905. He later moved to Alliance, Ohio, to become president of the Peoples Bank of Alliance. He died in Alliance.

Eden Reeder Latta (1839-1915) was born in La Grange County, Indiana, where his grandfather Robert had settled and helped found the Methodist affiliated Eden Chapel Society. His grandfather and his father William James Latta were pastors of the group. He became a school teacher and also served as a "circuit rider" preacher for various Methodist churches throughout Iowa. He established himself as a songwriter and collaborated with several major gospel composers, including his childhood friend William A. Ogden, as well as James McGranahan, James H. Fillmore, and Edmund S. Lorenz. He wrote more than 1,600 hymn lyrics and several tunes. Among his well-known songs are "Blessed be the fountain" ("Whiter than snow"), "Come to Jesus," and "Live for Jesus, O my brother." He retired to Osterdock, IA.

The beautiful sea with its treasures of gold,
And billows so grand, that for ages have rolled,
What wonderful tales that may never be told,
If Language were theirs, could their caverns unfold;
What powerful fleets o'er its surface have sailed,
What soldiers have fought, and have conquered or failed;
How proudly their flags, they in victory hailed!
Albeit in death had their proud features paled.

The beautiful sea, the beautiful sea, Far down in its depths, oh, the plains and the caves, Secure from the winds and the wrath of the waves! The beautiful sea, the beautiful sea.

The beautiful sea with its ebb and its flow, Its gulfstream that doth to the Orient go, Its merchantmen proud, sailing to, sailing fro, And emigrant throngs, with a bright hope aglow, But many have paid with their lives the dread cost. The ocean they tried, but they left it uncrost, Alas, that the fair and the loved should be tossed, On treacherous waves and so oft should be lost.

The beautiful sea with its pearl covered floor, Its seasons of calm, and its rush and its roar, Its tempests that beat on the wave-eaten shore, Its wrecks that went down, and that rise nevermore. The Coralline groves and the bright tinted shells. The secret abode, where the mermaiden dwells, The music so weird, as it sinks and it swells, Entrancing the heart with its mystical spells!

E. R. Latta

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