



The Corsair's home

John Thomas
(1839-1922)

John Thomas (1839-1922) was born in Blaenannerch, Cardiganshire, Wales. He apprenticed as a shopkeeper and ran his father's shop due to his father's health. He was an active musician: a composer, festival adjudicator, and collector of Welsh melodies. He conducted festivals of congregational singing, Psalm singing, and was prominent in the *Cymanfa Ganu*, which was a movement of gatherings for singing, from hymns to oratorios. He died in Llanwrtyd Wells, Breconshire, Wales. His compositions include anthems, hymns, glees, and part songs.

*Gaily, gaily sails our barque!
Swiftly through swelling waves we glide!
And dancing sea-drops lightly mark
Our course along the boundless tide!*

We love thee, Ocean, for we find
We safely o'er thy waters roam;
Since there no trace is left behind:
Thou art the Corsair's only home.

Lazy sons of peace,
Prattle of strength and freedom still!
You talk full loudly, yet ne'er cease
To toil, to toil at some proud tyrant's will;

You never knew the joy we feel
When Freedom lends our sails, our sails her breath,
Or bounding on through fire and steel
We rush to victory or death.

Charles Edward Long (1796-1861)

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Moderato Scherzando ♩ = 80

S *p dolce*
Gai - ly, gai - ly sails our

A *p*
Gai - ly, gai - ly, gai - ly, gai - ly, Gai - ly, gai - ly sails our

T *p*
Gai - ly, gai - ly, gai - ly, gai - ly, Gai - ly, gai - ly sails our

B *p*
Gai - ly, gai - ly, gai - ly, gai - ly, Gai - ly, gai - ly sails our

S ³
barque! Swift - ly thro' swell - ing waves we

A
barque, sails our barque! Swift - ly thro' swell - ing waves we

T
barque, sails our barque! Swift - ly thro' swell - ing waves we

B
barque, sails our barque! Swift - ly thro' swell - ing waves we

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S glide! _____ And danc - ing sea - drops light - ly

A glide! _____ And danc - ing, danc - ing, danc - ing sea - drops light - ly,

T glide! _____ And danc - ing, danc - ing, danc - ing sea - drops light - ly

B glide! _____ And danc - ing, danc - ing, danc - ing sea - drops light - ly

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S mark _____ Our course, our course _____ a - long the bound - less

A light - ly, light - ly mark _____ Our course _____ a - long the bound - less

T mark _____ Our course, our course _____ a - long the bound - less

B mark _____ Our course, our course _____ a - long the bound - less

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S tide! _____ We love _____ thee, O - cean,

A tide! _____ We love _____ thee, O - cean,

T tide! _____ We love _____ thee, O - cean,

B tide, the bound - less tide! We love _____ thee, O - cean,

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S for we find _____ We safe - ly, safe - ly o'er thy wa - ters

A for we find _____ We safe - ly, safe - ly o'er thy wa - ters

T for we find _____ We safe - ly, safe - ly o'er thy wa - ters

B for we find _____ We safe - ly, safe - ly o'er thy wa - ters

13

S roam; _____ Since there _____ no trace _____ is

A roam; _____ Since there _____ no trace _____ is

T roam, thy wa - ters roam; _____ Since there _____ no trace _____ is

B roam; _____ Since there _____ no trace _____ is

15

S left be - hind: Thou art the Cor - sair's on - ly

A left be - hind: Thou art the Cor - sair's on - ly

T left be - hind: Thou art the Cor - sair's on - ly

B left be - hind: Thou art the Cor - sair's on - ly

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17 *sf*

S home, _____ Thou art, thou art _____ the Cor - sair's on - ly

A home, _____ Thou art, thou art _____ the Cor - sair's on - ly

T home, _____ Thou art, thou art _____ the Cor - sair's on - ly

B home, _____ Thou art, thou art _____ the Cor - sair's on - ly

19 *p dolce*

S home. Gai - ly, gai - ly, gai - ly sails our

A home. Gai - ly, gai - ly, gai - ly, Gai - ly, gai - ly, gai - ly sails our

T home. Gai - ly, gai - ly, gai - ly, Gai - ly, gai - ly, gai - ly sails our

B home. Gai - ly, gai - ly, gai - ly, Gai - ly, gai - ly, gai - ly sails our

21

S barque! _____ Swift - ly thro' swell - ing waves _____ we

A barque! Swift - ly, swift - ly, swift - ly thro' swell - ing, swell - ing, swell - ing waves we

T barque! Swift - ly, swift - ly, swift - ly thro' swell - ing, swell - ing, swell - ing waves we

B barque! Swift - ly, swift - ly, swift - ly thro' swell - ing, swell - ing, swell - ing waves we

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S glide! And danc - ing sea - drops light - ly mark Our course a -

A glide, we glide, we glide! And danc - ing sea - drops light - ly mark Our course a -

T glide, we glide, we glide! And danc - ing sea - drops light - ly mark Our course a -

B glide, we glide, we glide! And danc - ing sea - drops light - ly mark Our course a -

26

S long the bound - less tide!

A long the bound - less tide!

T long the bound - less tide, a - long the bound - less tide!

B long the bound - less tide, a - long the bound - less tide!

29

S La - zy, la - zy sons of

A La - zy, la - zy, la - zy, la - zy, La - zy, la - zy sons of

T La - zy, la - zy, la - zy, la - zy, La - zy, la - zy sons of

B La - zy, la - zy, la - zy, la - zy, La - zy, la - zy sons of

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S peace, Prat - tle of strength and free - dom

A peace, sons of peace, Prat - tle of strength and free - dom

T peace, sons of peace, Prat - tle of strength and free - dom

B peace, sons of peace, Prat - tle of strength and free - dom

33

S still! You talk full loud - ly, yet ne'er

A still! You talk, you talk, you talk full loud - ly, yet ne'er

T still! You talk, you talk, you talk full loud - ly, yet ne'er

B still! You talk, you talk, you talk full loud - ly, yet ne'er

35

S cease To toil, to toil at some proud ty - rant's

A cease, ne'er cease To toil, to toil at some proud ty - rant's

T cease To toil, to toil at some proud ty - rant's

B cease To toil, to toil at some proud ty - rant's

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S will; You nev - er knew the

A will; You nev - er knew the

T will; You nev - er knew the

B will, proud ty - rant's will; You nev - er knew the

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for measures 37 and 38. It features four staves: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The music is in a minor key with a common time signature. A dynamic marking of *f* (forte) is present. The lyrics are: "will; You nev - er knew the" for S, A, and T; and "will, proud ty - rant's will; You nev - er knew the" for B.

39

S joy we feel When Free - dom lends our sails, our sails her

A joy we feel When Free - dom lends our sails, our sails her

T joy we feel When Free - dom lends our sails, our sails her

B joy we feel When Free - dom lends our sails, our sails her

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for measures 39 and 40. It features four staves: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The music continues in the same key and time signature. The lyrics are: "joy we feel When Free - dom lends our sails, our sails her" for all parts.

41

S breath, Or bound - ing on thro'

A breath, Or bound - ing on thro'

T breath, our sails her breath, Or bound - ing on thro'

B breath, Or bound - ing on thro'

Detailed description: This block contains the musical notation for measures 41 and 42. It features four staves: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). The music continues in the same key and time signature. The lyrics are: "breath, Or bound - ing on thro'" for S and A; "breath, our sails her breath, Or bound - ing on thro'" for T; and "breath, Or bound - ing on thro'" for B.

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S fire and steel We rush to vic - to - ry or

A fire and steel We rush to vic - to - ry or

T fire and steel We rush to vic - to - ry or

B fire and steel We rush to vic - to - ry or

45

S *sf* death, We rush, we rush to vic - to - ry or

A *sf* death, We rush, we rush to vic - to - ry or

T *sf* death, We rush, we rush to vic - to - ry or

B *sf* death, We rush, we rush to vic - to - ry or

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S death. *p dolce* Gai - ly, gai - ly sails our

A death. *p* Gai - ly, gai - ly, gai - ly, Gai - ly, gai - ly, gai - ly sails our

T death. *p* Gai - ly, gai - ly, gai - ly, Gai - ly, gai - ly, gai - ly sails our

B death. *p* Gai - ly, gai - ly, gai - ly, Gai - ly, gai - ly, gai - ly sails our

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S barque! Swift - ly thro' swell - ing waves we

A barque! Swift - ly, swift - ly, swift - ly thro' swell - ing, swell - ing, swell - ing waves we

T barque! Swift - ly, swift - ly, swift - ly thro' swell - ing, swell - ing, swell - ing waves we

B barque! Swift - ly, swift - ly, swift - ly thro' swell - ing, swell - ing, swell - ing waves we

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S glide! And danc - ing sea - drops light - ly mark Our course a -

A glide, we glide, we glide! And danc - ing sea - drops light - ly mark Our course a -

T glide, we glide, we glide! And danc - ing sea - drops light - ly mark Our course a -

B glide, we glide, we glide! And danc - ing sea - drops light - ly mark Our course a -

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S long the bound - less tide!

A long the bound - less tide!

T long the bound - less tide, a - long the bound - less tide!

B long the bound - less tide, a - long the bound - less tide!

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