



The Sands of Dee

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(1871-1926)

David Christmas Williams (1871-1926) was born in Llanwrtyd, Brecknock, Wales. Composing by the age of 14, he was educated at University College, Cardiff, and South Wales School of Music. He studied under Dr. Joseph Parry and became his assistant. He was organist and choirmaster at a chapel in Penart, then a music teacher at Merthyr Tydfil and organist of Hope chapel. He was the conductor of Merthyr Musical Society and the North Glamorgan Orchestral Society. His music, popular in London, included cantatas, a suite for orchestra, an orchestral overture, numerous works for male voices, hymns, anthems, and part-songs.

'O Mary, go and call the cattle home,
And call the cattle home,
And call the cattle home
Across the sands of Dee;'
The western wind was wild and dank with foam,
And all alone went she.

The western tide crept up along the sand,
And o'er and o'er the sand,
And round and round the sand,
As far as eye could see.
The rolling mist came down and hid the land:
And never home came she.

'Oh! is it weed, or fish, or floating hair,
A tress of golden hair,
A drownèd maiden's hair
Above the nets at sea?
Was never salmon yet that shone so fair
Among the stakes of Dee.'

They rowed her in across the rolling foam,
The cruel crawling foam,
The cruel hungry foam,
To her grave beside the sea:
But still the boatmen hear her call the cattle home
Across the sands of Dee.

Charles Kingsley (1819–1875)

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Moderato ♩ = 80

Soprano: *mf* Mar - y, go and call the cat - tle home, _____ And call the cat - tle

Alto: _____ *mf* And call the cat - tle

Tenor: *mf* 'O Mar - y, go and call the cat - tle home, _____ And

Bass: _____ *mf* And call the cat - tle

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3 home *cresc.* *f* *lunga* *rit.* *dim.*

S — And call the cat - tle home A - cross the sands of

A home, And call the cat - tle home A - cross the sands of

T call the cat - tle home, call the cat - tle home A - cross the sands of

B home, call the cat - tle home A - cross the sands of

6 *a tempo* *mf* *f*

S Dee;' The west - ern wind was wild and dank with

A Dee;' The west - ern wind was wild and dank with

T Dee;' The west - ern wind was wild and dank with

B Dee;' The west - ern wind was wild and dank with

9 *rit.* *p* *dim.* *a tempo* *mf*

S foam, And all a - lone went she. The west - ern

A foam, And all a - lone went she. *a tempo*

T foam, And all a - lone went she. *a tempo*

B foam, And all a - lone went she. *a tempo*

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S And o'er and o'er the sand, _____
 tide crept up a-long the sand, _____ And round and round the

A _____
 And o'er and o'er the sand, _____ And

T tide crept up a-long the sand, _____ And o'er and o'er the sand, _____

B _____
 And o'er and o'er the sand, _____ round and round the

cresc.

f

cresc.

cresc.

cresc.

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S sand, _____ *lunga*
 As far as eye could see. _____

A round and round the sand, _____
 As far as eye could see. _____

T round and round the sand, _____
 As far as eye could see. _____

B sand, _____
 As far as eye could see. _____

f *rit.* *dim.* *p*

f *rit.* *dim.* *p*

f *rit.* *dim.* *p*

f *rit.* *dim.* *p*

$\frac{3}{4}$

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S *a tempo mf*
 The roll - ing mist came down _____ and hid the

A *a tempo mf*
 The roll - ing mist came down _____ and hid the

T *a tempo* *f*
 The roll - ing mist came down and hid the

B *a tempo* *f*
 The roll - ing mist came down and hid the

$\frac{3}{4}$

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S
land: _____ And nev - er home came she. _____

A
land: _____ And nev - er home came she. _____

T
land: _____ And nev - er home _____ came she. _____

B
land: _____ And nev - er home came she. _____

rit. *p* *dim.*

23

$\text{♩} = 120$

S
'Oh! is it weed, or fish, _____ or float - ing hair, _____

A
'Oh! is it weed, or fish, _____ or float - ing

T
'Oh! is it weed, or fish, _____ or float - ing

B
'Oh! _____ is it weed, or float - ing

p *delicato*

27

S
— A tress of gold - en hair, A drown - èd maid - en's

A
hair, _____ A tress of gold - en hair, A drown - èd maid - en's

T
hair, _____ A tress _____ of _____ gold - en hair, _____ A drown - èd

B
hair, A tress _____ of _____ gold - en hair, A _____ drown - èd

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S hair _____ A - bove _____ the nets _____ at

A hair _____ A - bove _____ the nets _____ at

T maid - en's hair A - bove the nets _____ at

B maid - en's hair A - bove the nets _____ at

35 *mf poco più mosso*

S sea? _____ Is it weed, or fish, or float - ing hair? _____

A *mf poco più mosso*
sea? _____ Is it weed, _____ or fish, or

T *mf poco più mosso*
sea? _____ Is it weed, _____ or fish, or

B *poco più mosso* *mf*
sea? _____ Is it weed, or float - ing

39 *f*

S _____ Oh! is it weed, or fish, or

A float - ing hair? *f* Oh, Is it weed, or fish, or

T float - ing hair? *f* Oh! _____ is it weed, or

B hair? _____ *f* Oh, _____ is it weed, or

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43 *poco a poco più agitato e cresc.*

S float - ing hair, A tress of gold - en hair, A

A float - ing hair, A tress of gold - en hair, A

T float - ing hair, A tress of

B float - ing hair, A tress of

47

S drown - èd maid - en's hair, A tress of

A drown - èd maid - en's hair, A tress of

T gold - en hair, A drown - èd maid - en's hair,

B gold - en hair, A drown - - - -

50

S gold - en hair, A drown - èd maid - - - en's

A gold - en hair, A drown - èd maid - - - en's

T A drown - èd maid - en's hair

B èd maid - en's hair, a maid - en's

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54 *ff* $\text{♩} = 60$

S hair A - - - bove the the

A hair A - - - bove, a - vove the

T A - - - bove the nets, a - bove the

B hair A - - - bove, a - bove the

58 *ff*

S nets at sea? Was

A nets at sea? Was

T nets at sea? Was

B nets at sea? Was

64

S nev - er salm - on yet that shone, that shone

A nev - - - er salm - on yet that

T nev - er salm - - - on yet that

B nev - er salm - on yet that shone, that

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S *dim.* so fair A - mong the *rit. e dim.*

A *dim.* shone so fair A - mong the stakes of *rit. e dim.*

T *dim.* shone so fair A - mong the stakes of *rit. e dim.*

B *dim.* shone so fair A - mong the stakes *rit. e dim.*

74

S stakes of Dee.' 'Is it weed, or *delicato*

A Dee.' 'Is it weed, or *delicato*

T Dee.' 'Is it weed, or *delicato*

B of Dee.' *p* Is *delicato* it

♩ = 120

77

S fish, or float - ing hair? Oh! is it *rit. e dim.* *più lento pp*

A fish, or float - ing hair? Is it *rit. e dim.* *più lento pp*

T fish, or float - ing hair? *rit. e dim.* *più lento pp*

B weed, or float - ing hair? *rit. e dim.* *più lento*

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S weed, or fish, or float - ing hair, A tress of

A weed, or fish, or float - ing hair, A

T weed, or fish, or float - ing hair, A

B *pp* 'Is it weed, or float - ing hair, A

85

S gold - en hair, A tress of gold - en hair,

A tress of gold - en hair, A drown - èd

T tress of gold - en hair, A drown - èd

B tress of gold - en hair, A maid - - -

88

S *rit.* A drown - èd maid - en's hair? *dim.*

A *rit.* maid - - en's hair? *dim.*

T *rit.* maid - - en's hair? *dim.*

B *rit.* en's hair? *dim.*

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Tempo 1 ♩ = 80

91

S They rowed her in a - cross the roll - ing

A

T They rowed her in a - cross the roll - ing

B

93

S foam, The cru - el crawl - ing foam, The cru - el hun - gry

A The cru - el crawl - ing foam, The

T foam, The cru - el crawl - ing foam, The

B The cru - el crawl - ing foam, The cru - el hun - gry

95

S foam, To her grave, to her grave be -

A cru - el hun - gry foam, To her grave, to her grave be -

T cru - el hun - gry foam, To her grave, to her grave be -

B foam, To her grave, to her grave be -

lunga *rit. e dim.* *p Lento* *sostenuto molto*

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98 *rit.* *L'istesso tempo*

S side the sea:

A side the sea: *pp* But still the boat - men

T side the sea: *pp* But still the boat - men

B side the sea:

101 *mp*

S Call the cat - tle,

A hear her call the cat - tle home

T hear her call the cat - tle home

B call *pp*

104 *p* *poco a poco rit.* *pp* *mp* *Lento* *dim.*

S call the cat - tle, call the cat - tle home home A - cross the sands of

A *poco a poco rit.* *pp* call the cat - tle home *mp* *Lento* *dim.*

T *poco a poco rit.* *mp* *Lento* *dim.*

B *poco a poco rit.* *mp* *Lento* *dim.*

A - cross the sands of

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S *pp* *morendo* *dim. e rit.* *ppp*
Dee.

A *pp* *morendo* *dim. e rit.* *ppp*
Dee.

A few Alto voices *p* *dim. e rit.* *pp* *dim.* *ppp*
Call the cat - tle hime, call the cat - tle home.

T *pp* *morendo* *dim. e rit.* A few Tenorvoices *pp* *dim.* *ppp*
Dee. home.

B *pp* *morendo* *dim. e rit.* *ppp*
Dee.

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