

# **THE LANDING OF THE PILGRIMS**

**A Cantata for Mixed Voices**

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## The Landing of the Pilgrim Fathers in New England

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The breaking waves dashed high  
On a stern and rock-bound coast,  
And the woods against a stormy sky  
Their giant branches tossed;

And the heavy night hung dark,  
The hills and waters o'er,  
When a band of exiles moored their bark  
On the wild New England shore.

Not as the conqueror comes,  
They, the true-hearted, came;  
Not with the roll of the stirring drums,  
And the trumpet that sings of fame;

Not as the flying come,  
In silence and in fear:—  
They shook the depths of the desert gloom  
With their hymns of lofty cheer.

Amidst the storm they sang,  
And the stars heard and the sea;  
And the sounding aisles of the dim woods rang  
To the anthem of the free!

The ocean eagle soared  
From his nest by the white wave's foam;  
And the rocking pines of the forest roared—  
This was their welcome home!

There were men with hoary hair  
Amidst that pilgrim band:—  
Why had they come to wither there,  
Away from their childhood land?

There was woman's fearless eye,  
Lit by her deep love's truth;  
There was manhood's brow serenely high,  
And the fiery heart of youth.

What sought they thus afar?  
Bright jewels of the mine?  
The wealth of seas, the spoils of war?—  
They sought a faith's pure shrine!

Ay, call it holy ground,  
The soil where first they trod.  
They have left unstained what there they found—  
Freedom to worship God.

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Moderately fast

**PIANO**

The musical score consists of two main sections. The first section, labeled "PIANO", contains three staves of music for the piano, with dynamics like *f* and *poco rit.*. The second section features four vocal parts: SOPRANO, ALTO, TENOR, and BASS, each with a staff of music. The lyrics for all voices begin with "The break-ing waves dash'd high On a". The bass part continues with "a tempo" and "mf". The piano part has a dynamic marking of *mf*.

SOPRANO      *f*

ALTO      The break-ing waves dash'd high      On a

TENOR      The break-ing waves dash'd high      On a

BASS      The break-ing waves dash'd high      On a

*a tempo*

*mf*

stern and rock - bound coast, The woods a-gainst a  
 stern and rock - bound coast, The woods a-gainst a  
 stern and rock - bound coast, The woods a-gainst a  
 stern and rock - bound coast, The woods a-gainst a

storm - y sky Their gi - ant branch - es toss'd;  
 storm - y sky Their gi - ant branch - es toss'd;  
 storm - y sky Their gi - ant branch - es toss'd; The  
 storm - y sky Their gi - ant branch - es toss'd; The

*f*

The break - ing waves dashd high, the  
 The break - ing waves dash'd high, the  
 break - ing waves dash'd high, The break - ing waves dashd  
 break - ing waves dash'd high, The break - ing waves dashd

*f*

*Reed.* \*

break - ing waves dash'd high, And the woods a-gains: a  
 break - ing waves dash'd high, And the woods a-gainst a  
 high, dash'd high, And the woods a-gainst a  
 high, dash'd high, And the woods a-gainst a

*Reed.* *Reed.* \*

*poco rit.*

storm - y sky Their gi - ant branch - es toss'd.

*poco rit.*

storm - y sky Their gi - ant branch - es toss'd.

*poco rit.*

storm - y sky Their gi - ant branch - es toss'd.

*poco rit.*

storm - y sky Their gi - ant branch - es toss'd.

*poco rit.*

storm - y sky Their gi - ant branch - es toss'd.

*poco rit.*

Slightly slower

*p*

And the heav - y night hung dark,

*p*

And the heav - y night hung dark,

*p*

And the heav - y night hung dark,

*p*

And the heav - y night hung dark,

Slightly slower

*mf**p**2ed.*

\*

*mf string. e cresc.*

The hills and wa - ters o'er, When a band of ex - iles

*mf string. e cresc.*

The hills and wa - ters o'er, When a band of ex - iles

*mf string. e cresc.*

The hills and wa - ters o'er, When a band of ex - iles

*mf string. e cresc.*

The hills and wa - ters o'er, When a band of ex - iles

*mf string. e cresc.**Red.*

\*

*rall. molto**f*

moord their bark On the wild New Eng - land

shore. \_\_\_\_\_

The

*rall. molto*

moord their bark On the wild New Eng - land

shore. \_\_\_\_\_

The

*rall. molto*

moord their bark On the wild New Eng - land

shore. \_\_\_\_\_

The

*rall. molto*

moord their bark On the wild New Eng - land

shore. \_\_\_\_\_

The

*rall. molto*

3

3

3

The

f

*Red.**Red.**Red.* \*

Moderately fast as before

break - ing waves dash'd high                      On a stern and rock - bound  
 break - ing waves dash'd high                      On a stern and rock - bound  
 break - ing waves dash'd high                      On a stern and rock - bound  
 break - ing waves dash'd high                      On a stern and rock - bound

break - ing waves dash'd high                      On a stern and rock - bound

Moderately fast as before

coast,                The woods                a-gainst a                storm - y sky    Their  
 coast,                The woods                a-gainst a                storm - y sky    Their  
 coast,                The woods                a-gainst a                storm - y sky    Their  
 coast,                The woods                a-gainst a                storm - y sky    Their

coast,                The woods                a-gainst a                storm - y sky    Their

*allargando*

gi - ant branch-es toss'd,  
*allargando*

*a tempo*

The break - ing waves dash'd

*f*

gi - ant branch-es toss'd,  
*allargando f*

*a tempo*

The break - ing waves dash'd

gi - ant branch-es toss'd, The break - ing waves dash'd high, the  
*allargando f* *a tempo*

gi - ant branch-es toss'd, The break - ing waves dash'd high, the  
*allargando* *a tempo*

*f*

2ed. 2ed. \*

\*

high, the break - ing waves dash'd high, When a

high, the break - ing waves dash'd high, When a

break - ing waves dash'd high, dash'd high, When a

break - ing waves dash'd high, dash'd high, When a

2ed.

2ed.

\*

cresc. e rit.

*ff*

band of ex - iles moord their bark On the wild New Eng - land shore.

cresc. e rit.

*ff*

band of ex - iles moord their bark On the wild New Eng - land shore.

cresc. e rit.

*ff*

band of ex - iles moord their bark On the wild New Eng - land shore.

cresc. e rit.

*ff*

band of ex - iles moord their bark On the wild New Eng - land shore.

rit.

cresc.

*p*

*Led.*

*Led.* *Led.* *Led.* *Led.* *attacca subito* \*

Slower

*p*

Majestically slow

BARITONE SOLO

Not as the con - quiror comes,

They, the true-heart - ed, came;

*mf*

*Led.* \* *Led.* \* *Led.* \* *Led.* \*

Not with the roll \_\_\_\_\_ of the stir - ring drums, And the

trum-pet that sings \_\_\_\_\_ of fame;

Not as the fly - ing come, In si - lence and in

fear; They shook the depths of the des - ert gloom With their

(No change in tempo)

hymns of loft - y - heer. —

SOPRANO

A - midst the storm they sang, And the

ALTO

A - midst the storm they sang, And the

TENOR

A - midst the storm they sang, And the

BASS

A - midst the storm they sang, And the

(No change in tempo)

*f sempre*

stars heard and the sea; The sound - ing aisles of the

stars heard and the sea; The sound - ing aisles of the

stars heard and the sea; The sound - ing aisles of the

stars heard and the sea; The sound - ing aisles of the

## BARITONE SOLO

The ocean  
dim woods rang To the an - them of the free!  
dim woods rang To the an - them of the free, of the free!  
dim woods rang To the an - them of the free, of the free!  
dim woods rang To the an - them of the free!

(No change in tempo)

ea - gle soard From his nest by the white wave's foam; And the  
rock-ing pines of the for - est roard: This was their wel - come  
mp

home, this was their wel- come home!

Slowly and gracefully

TENOR *p dolce*

There were men with hoar - y hair

BASS *p dolce*

There were men with hoar - y hair

Slowly and gracefully

*p dolce*

Ped.

Ped.

Ped.

\*

*p sempre*

A - midst that pil - grim band: Why had they come to

*p sempre*

A - midst that pil - grim band: Why had they come to

*p sempre*

Ped.

\*

SOPRANO  
*p dolce*

with - er there, Far from their child-hood's land? There was wo - man's

ALTO  
*p dolce*

with - er there, Far from their child-hood's land? There was wo - man's

*p dolce*  
Re.  
Re.

fear - less eye, Lit - by her deep love's truth; There was

fear - less eye, Lit - by her deep love's truth; There was

Re.

\*

man - hood's brow se - rene - ly high,

And the fier - y heart of

man - hood's brow se - rene - ly high,

And the fier - y heart of

Re.

\*

Re.

\*

Moderately fast as at first

SOPRANO

rit.

*f*

youth. \_\_\_\_\_

What

ALTO

rit.

*f*

youth. \_\_\_\_\_

What

TENOR

rit.

*f*

What

BASS

rit.

*f*

What

Moderately fast as at first

rit.

*f subito*

Re.

Re.

Re.

Re.

\*

*a tempo*

sought they thus a - far?

Bright jew - - els of the

*a tempo*

sought they thus a - far?

Bright jew - - els of the

*a tempo*

sought they thus a - far?

Bright jew - - els of the

*a tempo*

sought they thus a - far?

Bright jew - - els of the

*a tempo**mf*

mine? The wealth of seas, the spoils of war? They  
 mine? The wealth of seas, the spoils of war? They  
 mine? The wealth of seas, the spoils of war? They  
 mine? The wealth of seas, the spoils of war? They  
 mine? The wealth of seas, the spoils of war? They  
 sought a faith's pure shrine! What  
 sought a faith's pure shrine! What  
 sought a faith's pure shrine! What sought they thus a -  
 sought a faith's pure shrine! What sought they thus a -  
 f  
 f  
 f  
 f  
 f  
 f

sought they thus a - far? What sought they thus a -  
 sought they thus a - far? What sought they thus a -  
 far? What sought they thus a - - far, a -  
 far? What sought they thus a - - far, a -  
 far? They sought, they sought a  
 3 \*  
*Led.*  
*Led.*

3 \*  
*Led.*

*cresc. e rit.*

ff *p*

faith's pure shrine, they sought a faith's pure shrine! Aye,  
*cresc. e rit.* ff *p*  
 faith's pure shrine, they sought a faith's pure shrine! Aye,  
*cresc. e rit.* ff *p*  
 faith's pure shrine, they sought a faith's pure shrine! Aye,  
*cresc. e rit.* ff *p*

*p*

faith's pure shrine, they sought a faith's pure shrine! Aye,

*rit.*

*cresc.*

*ped.* *ped.* *ped.* *ped.*

Alla breve ( $\frac{d}{\cdot}$ )*sostenuto*

call it ho - ly ground,

*sostenuto*

call it ho - ly ground,

*sostenuto*

call it ho - ly ground,

*sostenuto*

call it ho - ly ground,

Alla breve ( $\frac{d}{\cdot}$ )*p legato**ped.**ped.**ped.**ped.**ped.*

The      soil      where      first      they

*mf*

trod.      They have left un -

*mf*      *cresc. semper*

trod.      They have left un -

*mf*      *cresc. semper*

trod.      They have left un -

*mf*      *cresc. semper*

trod.      They have left un -

*mf*      *cresc. e semper*

Ted.      Ted.      Ted.      Ted.

stained — what there they found: —  
 stain'd — what there they — found: —  
 stain'd what there — they — found: —  
 stain'd — what there they found: —

*f*  
*f*  
*f*  
*f*

*f brillante*  
*Reed.* *Reed.* *Reed.* *Reed.* *Reed.* *Reed.* *sempre* \* *#* *#*

Broadly

Free - - dom, Free - - - dom,  
 Free - - dom, Free - - - dom,  
 Free - - dom, Free - - - dom,  
 Free - - - dom, Free - - - dom,

ff  
 ff  
 ff  
 ff

Broadly

ff

*Reed.* *Reed.*

*cresc. ed allargando*

Free - - - dom to wor - - - ship

*cresc. ed allargando*

Free - - - dom to wor - - - ship,

*cresc. ed allargando*

Free - - - dom to wor - - - ship

*cresc. ed allargando*

Free - - - dom to wor - - - ship

*allargando*

*cresc.*

*Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.*

*fff a tempo*

God! \_\_\_\_\_

*fff a tempo*

God, to wor - ship God! \_\_\_\_\_

*fff a tempo*

Wor - ship - God! \_\_\_\_\_

*fff a tempo*

God, to wor - ship God! \_\_\_\_\_

*fff a tempo*

God, to wor - ship God! \_\_\_\_\_

*a tempo*

*stringendo*

*fff*

*Ped sempre*

*Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* *Ped.* \*  
Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. \*  
Ped. Ped. Ped. Ped. \*