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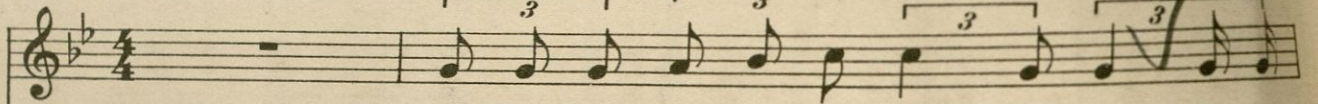
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VOICE

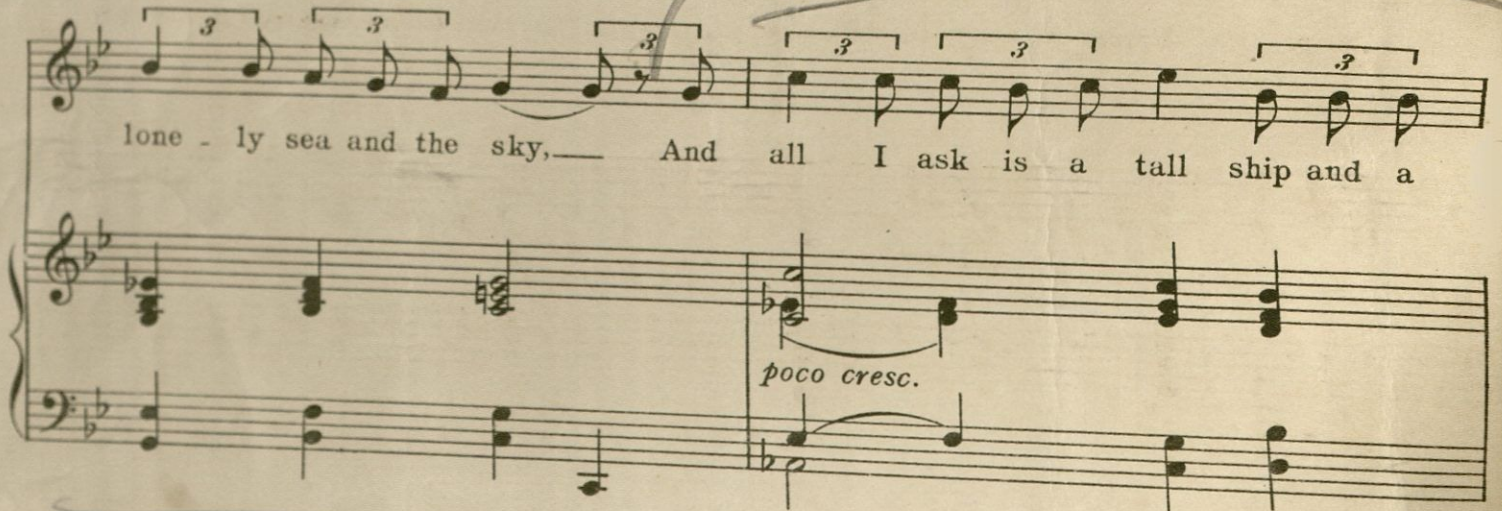


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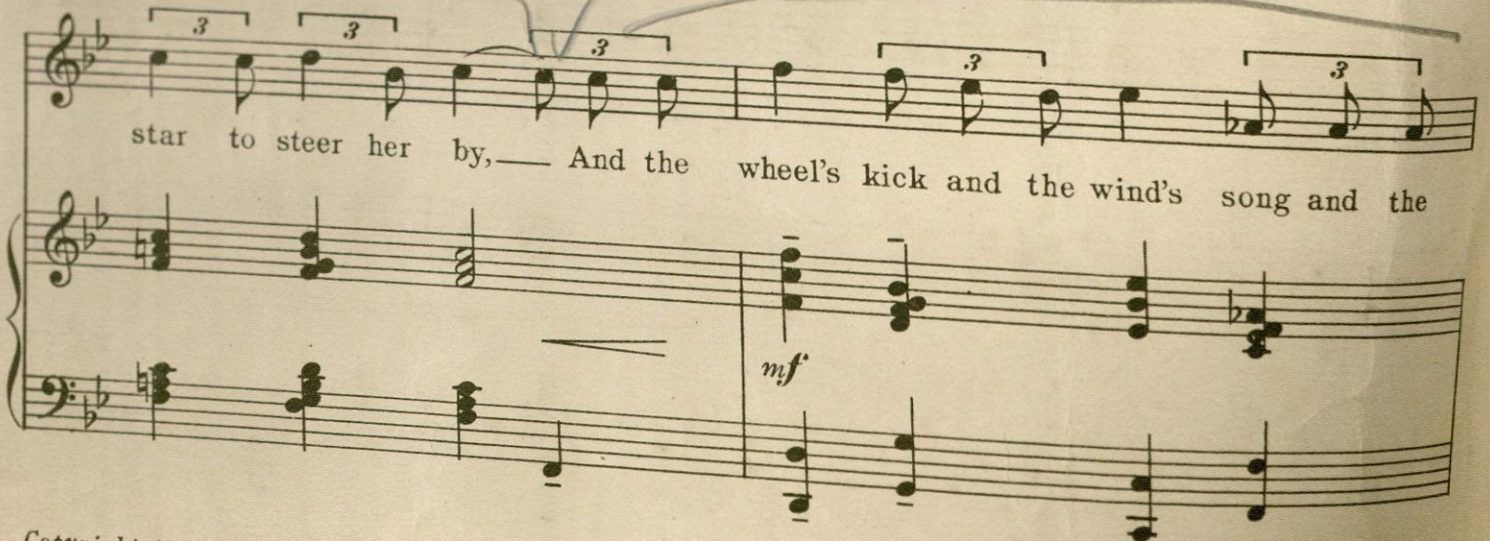
PIANO



lone - ly sea and the sky, — And all I ask is a tall ship and a



star to steer her by, — And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the



white sail's sha-king, And a grey mist on the sea's face, and a grey dawn break -

*p*

- - ing. I must go down to the seas a - gain, for the call of the run-ning tide Is a

*p*

wild call and a clear call, that may not be de - nied; — And

*cresc.*

all I ask is a wind - y day with the white clouds fly - ing, And the

*mf*

flung spray and the blown spume, and the sea-gulls cry - - - ing.

*p*

I must go down to the seas a - gain, to the vag - rant gyp - sy life, To the

*pesante e cresc.*

*simile*

gull's way and the whale's way, where the wind's like a whetted knife; And

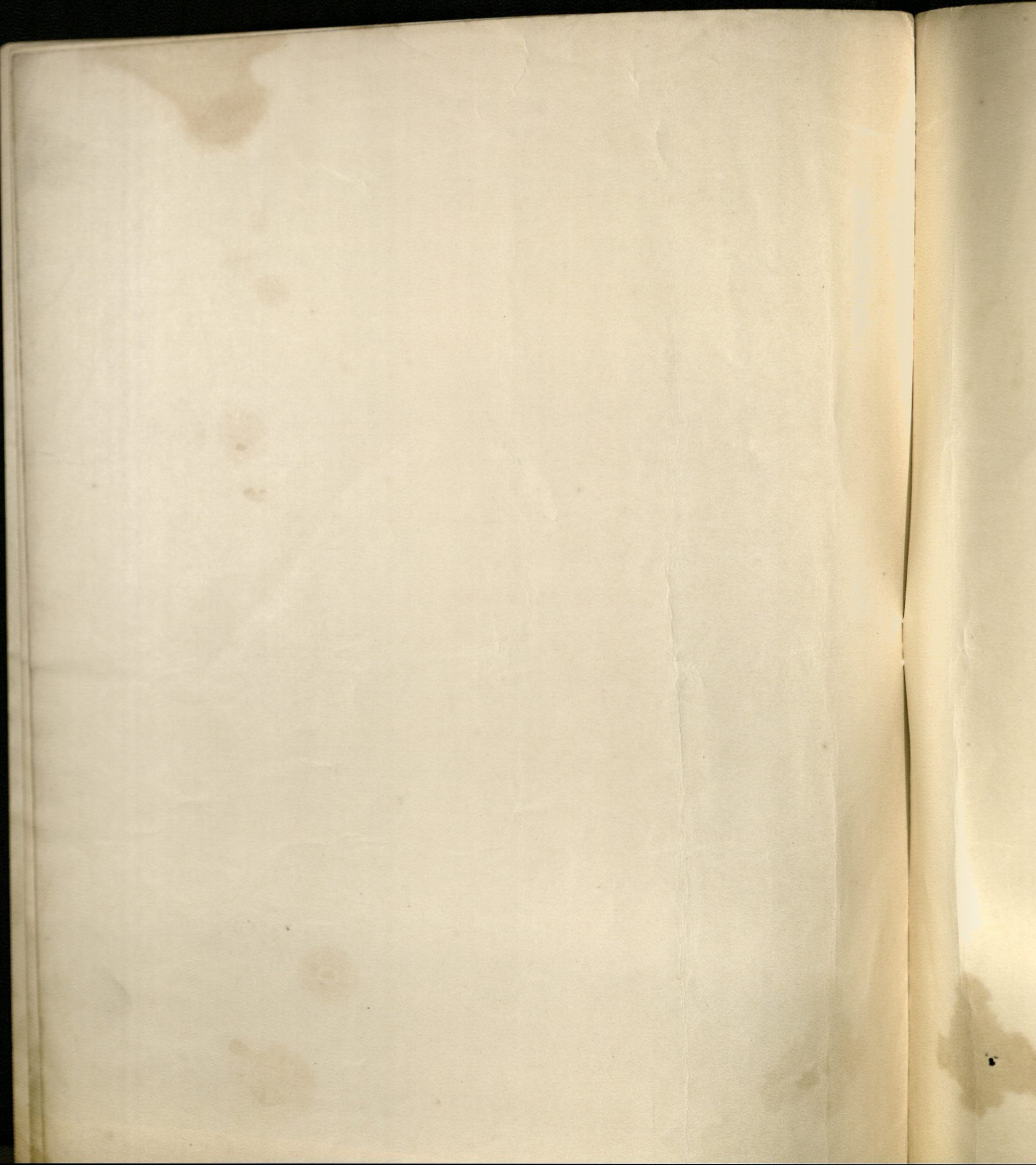
*cresc molto* *ff*

all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow-rover, And

*mf* *dim.*

qui - et sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's o - - - ver.

*p* *pp*



## SEA FEVER.

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I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely  
sea and the sky,  
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her  
by;  
And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the  
white sail's shaking,  
And a grey mist on the sea's face, and a grey dawn  
breaking.

I must go down to the seas again, for the call of  
the running tide  
Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be  
denied;  
And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds  
flying,  
And the flung spray and the blown spume, and the  
sea-gulls crying.

I must go down to the seas again, to the vagrant  
gypsy life,  
To the gull's way and the whale's way where the  
wind's like a whetted knife;  
And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing  
fellow-rover,  
And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long  
trick's over.

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