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✓ WAS IT A NOISE FROM THE FAR OFF LAND

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PIANO



Musical notation for the piano introduction, consisting of two staves (treble and bass clef) in 6/8 time, featuring a melodic line in the right hand and a supporting bass line in the left hand.



Was it a noise from the far off land, . . . In the moan of the fit - - ful sea, . . . As its

Musical notation for the first line of the song, including a vocal line and piano accompaniment.



waves broke on the shel - ly strand With a strange, wild me - - lo - - dy? It

Musical notation for the second line of the song, including a vocal line and piano accompaniment.

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floated up-on the balm-y air, It came in the winds loud play, . . . As it

swept o'er thy brow so pale and fair, And whisper'd come, come a - - - way . . .

2.

Oh a mother's love is strong and deep!
 Did she come from her home of light,
 And fold her wings to watch thy sleep,
 And make thy visions bright;
 When thy young heart beat when thou wert alone,
 And shook 'neath a mystic sway,
 Did she hover around thee with soft low tone,
 And bid thee to come away?

3.

Didst thou see her form in the pale moonlight,
 As it gleamed on the placid sea;
 When thy cheek grew warm & thine eye grew bright,
 And thy breast heaved tremblingly?
 For a voice came out on the summer air,
 Of that lovely cloudless night,
 Pale boy, was thy mother's spirit there,
 To hasten thy young soul's flight?

4.

In the golden light of the setting sun,
 Did she bend o'er thy couch of pain?
 Ere thine earthly pilgrimage was done,
 Did she visit her child again?
 And when the earthly chain was riven,
 And thy guileless spirit blest;
 Did she soar again to her native Heaven,
 With her treasure on her breast?

Webb.