

The Sea-Wash

Music by Katie Kring
Text by Carl Sandburg

For Perusal Only

"The sea-wash never ends.
The sea-wash repeats, repeats.
Only old songs? Is that all the sea knows?
Only the old strong songs?
Is that all?
The sea-wash repeats, repeats."

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SATB

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Calm, flowing, relentless ♩. = 44

Soprano

Alto *mp*
The sea - wash - nev - er ends. The sea - wash re - peats re - peats. The sea - wash - nev - er ends. The

Tenor *mp*
Sea - wash

Bass

Piano

Calm, flowing, relentless ♩. = 44

S *mp*
nev - er ends, the sea wash the sea - wash re-peats re -

A *mp* *mf* *mf* *mf*
sea - wash re - peats re - peats. Sea - wash Sea - wash The

T *mp* *mf*
Sea - wash The sea - wash - nev - er ends. The sea - wash repeats

B *mp*
The sea - wash - nev - er ends. The sea - wash re - peats re - peats.

Pno. *mp* *mf*

Performance note: when the word "wash" is underlined, half of the section should hold the note normally, and the other half should close immediately to the unvoiced "sh" sound and hold it for the duration of the note.

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26 *mf*

S peats nev - er ends it nev - er ends

A *f* sea - wash nev - er end the sea - wash *mp* re - peats re - peats re - peats.

T Sea - - - wash sea - wash

B wash re - peats re - peats the peats re - peats the

mp

Pno.

C Everyone in two!

S *f* On - ly old songs? Is that all the sea knows? *mp* On - ly the

A *f* On - ly old songs? Is that all the sea knows? *mp* On - ly the

T *f* On - ly old songs? Is that all the sea knows? *mp* On - ly the

B *mf* peats re - peats the peats re - peats re - peats re - peats re - peats re - peats the sea - wash re

C Everyone in two!

Pno.

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S *ff*
old strong songs Is that all? Is that all? On - ly old songs? Is

A *ff*
old strong songs Is that all? Is that all? On - ly old songs Is

T *mf*
old strong songs Is that all? sea - wash re peats re - peats re - peats re - peats re -

B *ff*
peats re - peats re - peats re - peats The sea knows On - ly old songs? Is

Pno.

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S *mp*
that all the sea knows? On - ly the old strong songs

A *mp*
that all the sea knows? On - ly the old strong songs

T *mp*
peats re - peats the sea - wash re peats re - peats re - peats re - peats re -

B *mp*
that all the sea knows? On - ly the old strong songs?

Pno.

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a tempo

45 *rit.* **E** *a tempo*

S Is that all?

A Is that all? *mf* The sea - wash re - peats, re - peats - the sea - wash re -

T 8 peats re - peats the sea - wash re - peats. *mp* The sea - wash re -

B Is that all? *p* re -

Pno. *rit.* **E** *a tempo*

This system contains the first 45 measures of the piece. It features four vocal staves (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and a piano accompaniment. The Soprano part begins with the lyrics 'Is that all?'. The Alto and Tenor parts have overlapping lyrics, including 'Is that all?' and 'The sea - wash re - peats, re - peats - the sea - wash re -'. The Bass part also starts with 'Is that all?'. The piano accompaniment includes a triplet of eighth notes marked *mf* and a section marked *mp*. A rehearsal mark **E** is placed above the piano part at measure 45. The tempo changes from *rit.* to *a tempo* at measure 45.

50 *mp*

S Sea - wash

A peats re - peats. The sea - wash re - peats, re - peats - the sea - wash re - peats re - peats. The

T 8 peats re - peats. The sea - wash re - peats, re - peats the sea - wash re - peats re - peats. The

B peats, re - peats the sea - wash The sea - wash re - peats, re - peats, the sea - wash

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This system contains measures 50 through 54. The Soprano part has the lyrics 'Sea - wash'. The Alto and Tenor parts continue with 'peats re - peats. The sea - wash re - peats, re - peats - the sea - wash re - peats re - peats. The'. The Bass part continues with 'peats, re - peats the sea - wash The sea - wash re - peats, re - peats, the sea - wash'. The piano accompaniment features a section marked *mp* starting at measure 50. A rehearsal mark **E** is present in the previous system, and the number 50 is written above the piano part at the start of this system.

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55 *mp* *mf*

S Sea - wash Sea

A *mf*
sea - wash re - peats, re - peats the sea - wash re - peats re - peats re - peats re - peats the

T *mp* *p*
8 sea - wash re - peats re - peats. The sea - wash re - peats re - peats. The sea - wash the

B *p*
Sea - wash Sea - wash

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60 *dim. al respiro* *poco rit.* *niente*

S wash wash wash repeat as desired niente

A *p*
sea - wash re - peats re - peats re - peats re - peats re - peats

T
8 sea - wash re peats re - peats re - peats re - peats re - peats

B
Sea - wash wash wash

Pno.