

THE SCARLET TIDE

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Moderately slow

The sheet music consists of three staves. The top staff is for the voice, starting with a C major chord. The middle staff is for the piano, marked 'mp'. The bottom staff is for the bass. The vocal part begins with a rest, followed by a melodic line. The lyrics start with 'Well, I re -'. The piano part features a repetitive eighth-note pattern. The vocal part continues with 'call his part - ing words. Must I ac - cept his fate or take my -'. The piano part changes dynamics to forte. The vocal part continues with 'self far from this - place? I thought I ___ heard a black bell toll. A lit - tle'. The piano part ends with a sustained note.

Original key: B major. This edition has been transposed up one half-step to be more playable.

F G C F G

bird did sing. Man has no choice when he wants_ ev - ry - thing.

We'll rise a - bove the scar - let tide that trick - les down through _ the

F G C F G C

moun - tain and sep - a - rates the wid - ow from the bride.

Man goes be -

Man goes be -

F/C C

yond his own de - ci - sion, gets caught up in the mech - a -

F G C F G

nis - m of swin - dl - ers who act like — kings and bro - kers —

C F G C F/C

who break ev - 'ry - thing. The dark of night was swift - ly

C F C F G

fad - ing close to the dawn of day. Why would I

C G7 C
 want _ him, just to lose _ him a - gain?
 We'll rise a -

G5 G7 C C7
 bove the scar - let tide that trick - les down through the

F G C F G C
 moun - tain and sep - a - rates the wid - ow from the bride.

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 We'll rise a