

In G Minor

In A Minor

In B Minor

THE RIVER
FOLK-SONG (Eastern Europe)

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THE RIVER*

River, mother of fighting men, (Rustula !)
Sternest barrier of our land, (Rustula !)
From thy bosom we drew life :
Ancient, honoured, mighty, grand !
Rustula !

Oh ! what worship had been thine, (Rustula !)
Hadst thou held the foemen, drowned ; (Rustula !)
Flood, more precious far than wine,
Victress, saviour, world-renowned !
Rustula !

Like a girl before her lover, (Rustula !)
How thou falterdst,—like a slave ;—(Rustula !)
Sank and fainted, low and lower,
When thy mission was to save.
Coward, traitress, shameless !
Rustula !

On thy narrowed, niggard strand, (Rustula !)
Despairing—now the tyrant's hand (Rustula !)
Grips the last remnant of our land,
Wounded and alone I stand,
Tricked, derided, impotent !
Rustula !

Pietro d'Alba.

From a Folk-Song (Eastern Europe)

* NOTE— . . . "The river was in full flood and, had it remained so another twenty-four hours, would undoubtedly have overwhelmed the enemy : but it sank far below its normal level more rapidly than it had risen three days before."

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Allegro con fuoco.

ff marziale

allargando

f risoluto

accel. *rit.*

Ri - ver, mo - ther of fight - ing men,

f a tempo

sf

accel. *rit.*

P ad lib. *f a tempo* *P ad lib.*

(Rus - tu - la!) Stern - est bar - rier of our land, (Rus - tu - la!)

P *f a tempo* *P*

Ped. *

Ped. *

a tempo
f espress.

From thy bo - som we drew life: — An - cient, hon - oured,

f a tempo

rit.

f poco più lento

accel.

might - y, grand! — Rus - tu - la!

ff

lento, *maestoso*

s f a tempo ff

rit.

f a tempo. poco largamente

Oh! what wor - ship had been

rit.

f colla parte

s f

ad lib. espress.

p

mf

dim.

pp

thine, (Rus - tu - la!) Hadst thou held the foe - men, drowned;

p colla parte

mf

dim.

pp

ad lib.
p rit. *f a tempo* *rit.* *f più mosso*

(Rus - tu - la!) Flood, more pre - cious far than wine, Vic - tress,

colla parte *dim.* *rit.* *f più mosso*

animato cresc. *ff* *lento*

sa - viour, world - re - nowned! Rus - tu - la!

colla parte *a tempo ff*

rit. *p espress.* *dim.*

Rus - tu - la!

dim. *p rit.* *pp colla parte*

p più lento e legato *ad lib.*

Like a girl be - fore her lo - ver, (Rus - tu - la!)

p più lento *PP colla parte*

a tempo *p ad lib.* *pp*

How thou fal - terdst, - like a slave; - (Rus - tu - la!) Sank and

a tempo *colla parte* *pp*

faint - ed, low — and low - er, When thy mis - sion was to

dim. *ppp*

molto animato cresc. *f* *ff*

save. Cow - ard, trai - tress, shame-less! Rus - tu - la!

molto animato cresc. *f*

a tempo *ff con fuoco* *accel.* *rit.*

ff quasi recit. On thy nar - rowed, nig - gard strand, *sf ad lib.* (Rus - tu - la!) Des -

ff colla parte *sf* *colla parte*

a tempo - pair - ing, — now the ty - rant's hand *sf ad lib.* (Rus - tu - la!)

a tempo *sf colla parte*

a tempo *f più lento espress.* Grips the last — rem - nant *accel.* of our land, — *ff largamente* Wound - ed

a tempo più lento *accel.* *ff colla parte* *sf*

and a - lone I stand, Tricked, de - ri - ded,

sf presto

sf *sf* *sf presto*

im - po - tent! Rus - tu - la!

lento

p a tempo

presto con fuoco

fff sf sf

8va bassa
Ped.

Rus - tu - la!

lento

p espress. *pp*

dim. rit. p molto rit. pp colla parte

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