

The Song of the Soldiers

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$\text{♩} = 52$

a little faster *this phrase freely - like a folksong*

Voice

mf As I sat mu-sing by the

Piano

Sombre *f*

5 *a tempo giusto*

fro-zen dyke There was a man march-ing with a bright steel pike March-ing in the

mp

10

day - shine *mp* like a ghost came he And be - hind me was the moan - ing *p*

14

Of the sea

mf

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18 *freely again* **a tempo giusto**

mf As— I sat mus-ing, twas not one but ten Rank on—

22

rank of ghost - ly sol - diers march - ing o'er the fen

mp

24

March - ing in the mis - ty air *mp* they showed in dreams to—

p

27 **poco accel. e agitato** **rit.**

me And be - hind me was the shout - ing *f* and the shatt-er-ing of the

mf *f*

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31 *a tempo* *poco rall.*

sea

mp

mp

mp

35 *mp* As I sat mus-ing,

39 *poco accel.*

twas a host in dark ar-ray, With their hor-ses and their can-non wheel-ing on - ward to the

43 *a tempo*

fray *mf* Mov-ing like a shad-ow to the fate the brave must dree *mp* And be-hind me

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47 **molto rit** **a tempo**

roared the drums rang the trum - pets of the sea

mf *f* *molto dim* *mp*

51 **rall.** **a tempo**

p

55 **molto rit**