

THE DISTANT SHORE

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1. A maiden sat at her door, And sighed as she looked at the sea; "I've a dear, dear love, on a
2. The maiden dried her eyes, And a smile shone o - ver her face, For she saw bright hope in the

dis - tant shore, A - dy - ing for news of me, I've a dear, dear love, on a dis - tant shore, A -
changing skies, As the wind flew off a - pace, She saw bright hope in the changing skies, As the

dy - ing for news of me." And the wind was lis - tening near, And saw that the maid was
wind flew off a - pace. And she bade the kind wind good speed, "Hur - ry, O wind," said

fair, So the kind wind whis - pered a hope in her ear, As he played with her bright brown
she, "Oh, say that I love him in - deed, and in - deed." And the wind cried o - ver the

hair: "Be of good cheer, sweet heart, I fly to that dis - tant shore, Thy lov - er I'll tell thou
sea, "Be of good cheer, sweet heart, I fly to that dis - tant shore, Thy lov - er I'll tell thou

26 *f* *rall.* *cresc.* *f*

lovest him well, Ever and ev-er more." 3. The wind tore over the wave, Scattering ocean spray, But a-

33 *dim.*

lack! the lover he flew to save, He met on his homeward way, And his good ship sank in the gale, And

39 *rit.*

ev-'ry soul be-side, And the wind came sob-bing to tell the tale, And the maid-en drooped and

44 *p* *Slower*

died. Be of good cheer, poor heart, At rest on a dis-tant shore, Where thou and thy love walk

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hand in hand, Ev-er and ev-er more! Be of good cheer, dear heart, At rest on a dis-tant

56 *cresc.* *rit.* *dim.*

shore, Where thou and thy love go hand in hand, Ev-er and ev-er more!