

# O SNATCH ME SWIFT

Anon., from *Pleasing Reflections* (1788)

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(1766-1821)

**Moderato**

The musical score consists of five staves, each representing a different voice part: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), Bass (Bar.), and Bassoon (B). The music is in 3/2 time, indicated by the time signature at the beginning of each staff. The lyrics are written below the notes, corresponding to the vocal parts. The score is divided into three sections, each starting with a measure number (5, 10, 15) on the left side of the page.

**Section 1 (Measures 1-4):**

S O snatch— me\_ swift, snatch me swift\_\_\_\_\_ from\_these tem-pes-tuous scenes  
A O snatch— me\_ swift, snatch me swift from these, from these tem-pes-tuous scenes  
T O snatch me swift, snatch me swift from these tem-pes-tuous scenes To where life  
Bar. O snatch me swift, snatch me swift from these tem-pes-tuous scenes To where life  
B O snatch me swift, snatch me from these scenes

**Section 2 (Measures 5-8):**

To where life knows not what dis - trac - tion means;— To where re -  
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knows not what dis-trac - tion, dis - trac - tion means;  
knows not what dis-trac - tion means;

**Section 3 (Measures 9-12):**

To where life knows not what dis-trac - tion means;  
li - gion, peace\_\_\_\_ and com - fort dwell\_\_ And cheer,  
li - gion, peace\_\_\_\_ and com - fort dwell\_\_ And cheer,  
with heart-felt rays,\_\_\_\_ my lone-ly  
with heart-felt rays,\_\_\_\_ my lone-ly

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and cheer, —  
and cheer, — and cheer, with heart-felt  
my lone-ly cell, with heart-felt rays, my lone-ly cell, with heart - felt  
cell, with heart-felt rays my lone-ly cell, and  
cell, my lone-ly cell,

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and cheer, —  
rays my lone - ly, lone - ly cell, with heart-felt  
rays my lone - ly, lone - ly cell, and cheer, —  
cheer my lone - - - ly cell, with heart-felt  
with heart-felt

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and cheer, — and cheer with  
rays, — with heart-felt rays, and cheer with —  
and cheer, — and cheer with  
rays, — with heart-felt rays, and cheer with  
rays, — with heart-felt rays, and cheer with

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heart - felt, heart - felt rays my lone - ly, lone - ly cell.  
— heart - felt, heart - felt rays my lone - ly, lone - ly cell.  
heart - felt rays, heart - felt rays my lone - ly, lone - ly cell.  
heart - felt, heart - felt rays my lone - ly, lone - ly cell.  
heart - felt, heart - felt rays my lone - ly, lone - ly cell.

32 Larghetto

Adagio

Yet if it please thee best, thou pow'r su - preme,  
Yet if it please thee best, thou pow'r su - preme,  
Yet if it please thee best, thou pow'r su - preme,  
Yet if it please thee best, thou pow'r su - preme,  
Yet if it please thee best, thou pow'r su - preme,

40 Presto

My bark to drive through life's more ra - pid stream,  
My bark to drive through life's more ra - pid stream,  
My bark to drive through life's more ra - pid stream, through life's more ra - pid  
My bark to drive through life's more ra - pid stream, through life's more ra - pid  
My bark to drive through life's more ra - pid stream, through life's more ra - pid

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stream, more\_ ra - pid\_ stream, through life's more\_ ra - pid\_

stream, more\_ ra - pid\_ stream, through life's more\_ ra - pid\_

stream, through life's more ra - pid stream, through life's more ra - pid

stream, through life's more ra - pid stream, through life's more ra - pid

stream, through life's more ra - pid stream, through life's more ra - pid

stream, through life's more ra - pid stream, through life's more ra - pid

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stream, If low' - ring storms my des - tin'd course at - tend And o - cean

stream, If low' - ring storms my des - tin'd course at - tend And o - cean

stream, If low' - ring storms my des - tin'd course at - tend And o - cean

stream, If low' - ring storms my des - tin'd course at - tend And o - cean

stream, If low' - ring storms my des - tin'd course at - tend And o - cean

stream, If low' - ring storms my des - tin'd course at - tend And

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ra - - - ges\_ till my days shall end, ra - - - ges\_ till my days shall

ra - - - ges till my days shall end, ra - ges till my days shall

ra - - - ges, ra - ges, o - cean ra - - - ges till my days shall

ra - - - - - ges till my days shall

o - - - - - cean ra - - - - - ges till my days shall

58

Musical score for measures 58-62. The score consists of four staves: Treble, Alto, Bass, and Bass (continuation). The lyrics are:

end, and o - cean - ra - ges till my days shall  
end, and o - cean - ra - - ges till my days, my days \_\_\_\_\_ shall  
end, and o - cean - ra - ges till my days, my days \_\_\_\_\_ shall  
end, and o - cean - ra - ges till my days, my days shall  
end, and o - cean - ra - ges till my days, my days shall

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**Adagio (rit.)**

Musical score for measures 63-68. The score consists of four staves: Treble, Alto, Bass, and Bass (continuation). The lyrics are:

end, till my days shall end; Let o - cean rage, let storms in - dig-nant  
end, till my days shall end; Let o - cean rage, let storms in - dig-nant  
end, till my days shall end; Let o - cean rage, let storms in - dig-nant  
end, till my days \_\_\_\_\_ shall end; Let o - cean rage, let storms in - dig-nant  
end, till my days shall end; Let o - cean rage, let storms in - dig-nant

70

Musical score for measures 70-75. The score consists of four staves: Treble, Alto, Bass, and Bass (continuation). The lyrics are:

roar, let storms in - dig - nant roar, let storms in - dig - nant roar, let o - cean  
roar, let storms in - dig - nant roar, let storms in - dig - nant roar, let o - cean rage,  
roar, let storms in - dig - nant roar, let storms in - dig - nant roar, let  
roar, let storms in - dig - nant roar, let storms in - dig - nant roar,  
roar, let storms in - dig - nant roar, let storms in - dig - nant roar,

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rage, let storms in - dig - nant roar, in - dig - - - nant roar,  
— rage, rage, rage, let storms in - dig - nant roar, let o - cean  
storms in - dig - nant roar, let storms in - dig - nant roar, let storms in - dig - nant roar, let o - cean

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let \_ o - cean rage, rage, let storms in - dig - nant  
rage, let storms in - dig - nant roar, let o - cean rage, let storms in - dig - - - nant  
rage, let storms in - dig - nant roar, let o - cean rage, let storms in - dig - nant  
letstorms in - dig - nant roar, let storms in - dig - nant  
let storms in - dig - nant

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**\*Largo**

roar, let storms in - dig - nant roar,  
roar, let storms in - dig - nant roar,  
roar, let storms in - dig - nant roar, I bow sub - mis - sive and re-sign'd a - dore, sub - mis - sive  
roar, let storms in - dig - nant roar, I bow sub - mis - sive and re - sign'da -  
roar, let storms in - dig - nant roar, I

\*Calcott wrote *Largo* after deleting his original marking of *Poco più Lento*. This was in turn changed in Warren's Collection to *Moderato Allegro*. Clearly, there is a change of feel here, but any tempo change should only be slight.

84

Musical score for measure 84. The vocal line consists of two parts: a soprano part and a basso continuo part. The soprano part begins with a rest followed by a melodic line. The lyrics are: "I bow sub-mis-sive and re-sign'd". The basso continuo part provides harmonic support with sustained notes and rhythmic patterns. The lyrics continue: "I bow sub-mis-sive and re-sign'd a-dore, sub-mis-sive and re-sign'd" and "and re-sign'd a-dore, re-sign'd a-dore, sub-mis-sive and re-sign'd". The vocal line concludes with: "dore, sub-mis-sive and re-sign'd a-dore, re-sign'd a-dore, re-sign'd" and "bow sub-mis-sive and re-sign'd a-dore, re-sign'd a-dore, sub-mis-sive and re-sign'd".

90

Musical score for measure 90. The vocal line continues from the previous measure. The lyrics are: "a-dore, I bow sub-mis-sive and re-sign'd a-dore, a-dore, a-dore, let-ocean". The basso continuo part provides harmonic support with sustained notes and rhythmic patterns. The lyrics continue: "a-dore, let-ocean rage, let o-cean, o-cean rage, I" and "a-dore, let storms in-dig-nant roar, let storms in-dig-nant roar, in-dig-nant roar". The vocal line concludes with: "a-dore, let-ocean rage, let-ocean rage, let storms in-dig-nant roar, let-ocean" and "a-dore, let-ocean rage, I".

95

Musical score for measure 95. The vocal line continues from the previous measure. The lyrics are: "let-ocean rage, let-ocean rage, let storms in-dig-nant roar, let-ocean rage, let-ocean rage, let storms in-dig-nant roar, I" and "bow sub-mis-sive and re-sign'd a-dore, let-ocean rage, I". The basso continuo part provides harmonic support with sustained notes and rhythmic patterns. The lyrics continue: "bow sub-mis-sive and re-sign'd a-dore, let-ocean rage, I" and "let storms in-dig-nant roar, let storms in-dig-nant roar, in-dig-nant roar". The vocal line concludes with: "I bow sub-mis-sive, bow sub-mis-sive and re-sign'd a-".

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rage, let storms in-dig-nant roar, let storms in-dig-nant roar, in-dig-nant roar, let o-cean rage, —  
dore, let o-cean rage, let o-cean rage, let o-cean rage, let o-cean rage, — I bow sub -  
bow sub - mis - sive, I bow sub - mis-sive and a - dore, — I bow sub -  
I bow sub - mis - sive and re - sign'd a - dore, let o-cean rage, let  
dore, — let o-cean rage, let

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— rage, let storms in - dig - nant roar, let storms, let storms in - dig - nant roar, —  
mis - sive and re - sign'd, let storms in - dig - nant roar, —  
mis - sive and re - sign'd a - dore, let storms in - dig - nant roar, —  
storms in - dig - nant roar, let storms, let storms in - dig - nant roar, let storms in - dig - nant roar, —  
storms in - dig - nant roar, let storms in - dig - nant roar, let storms in - dig - nant roar, —

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**Largo e pianissimo**

**adagio (rit.)**

— let storms in - dig - nant roar, I bow sub - mis-sive and re - sign'd a - dore.  
— let storms in - dig - nant roar, I bow sub - mis-sive and re - sign'd a - dore.  
— let storms in - dig - nant roar, I bow sub - mis-sive and re - sign'd a - dore.  
I bow sub - mis-sive and re - sign'd a - dore.  
I bow sub - mis-sive and re - sign'd a - dore.