

Isle of Hope, Isle of Tears

SATB
sans Piano

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Arranged by
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Performance Time: Approx. 4:30

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Slowly, with expression ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 68$)

Tenor or Soprano Solo, or soli section *mf*

Solo



On the

Solo

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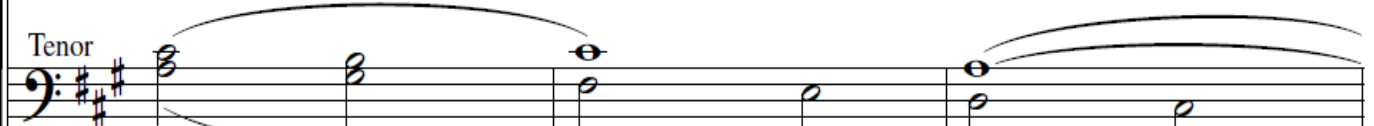
first day of Jan- u- ar - y, Eighteen Ninety-Two, they o-pened El-lis Is-land and they

Soprano Unis.
sotto voce



Alto

Oo,
sotto voce



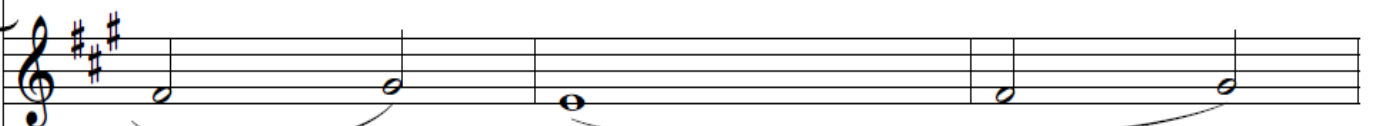
Tenor

Bass

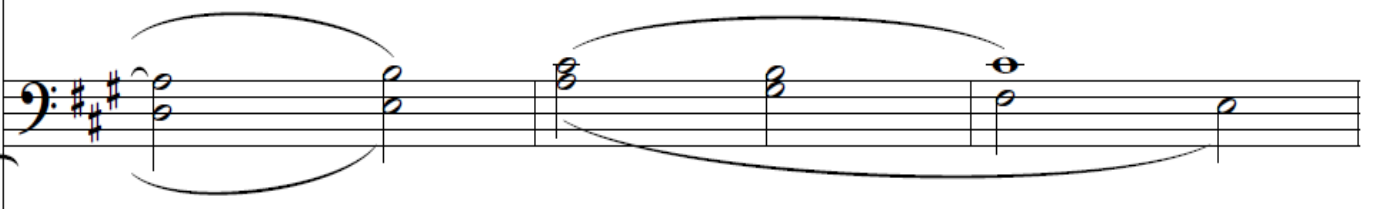
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let the peo - ple through. And the first to cross the thresh-old of that isle of hope and tears was



Oo,



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An-nie Moore from I - re - land who was all of fif-teen years. ———

oo. ——— **Isle of**

14

But it's not the isle you left be-hind.

Soprano

Alto **hope, isle of tears, isle of free-dom, isle of fear. But it's not the isle you left be-hind.**

Tenor

Bass **Ah. ———**

17

That isle of hun-ger, isle of pain, isle you'll nev-er see a-gain, but the

Unis.

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isle of home is al-ways on_ your mind. In her

23

lit - tle bag she car - ried all _ her past and his - to-ry, _ and her

Oo, _____

25

dreams for the fu - ture in the land of lib - er-ty. And courage is the passport when your

oo, _____ oo, _____

28

old world dis-appears _ 'cause there's no future in the past _ when you're fifteen

oo, _____

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But it's

31

years. _____ Isle of hope, isle of tears, isle of freedom, isle of fears. But it's

34

not the isle you left be-hind. _____

Ah. _____

not the isle you left be-hind. _____ That isle of hunger, isle of pain, isle

Ah. _____

37

Unis. _____

you'll never see again, but the isle of home is always on your mind.

Unis. _____

Solo

40

p

When they closed down El-lis Is - land_ in nineteen forty-three,
When they closed down El-lis Is - land_ in nineteen forty-three,

Soprano

Alto

Oo, _____

When they closed down El-lis Is - land_ in nineteen forty-three,

Tenor

Bass

p Oo, _____

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43 sev-en-teen mil-lion peo - ple had come there for sanc - tu - ary. *mf* And in
sev-en-teen mil-lion peo - ple had come there for sanc - tu - ary.

oo, there for sanc - tu - ary. *mf* And in
oo, sev-en-teen mil-lion peo - ple had come there for sanc - tu - ary. *mf*

oo. there for sanc - tu - ary. *mf*

45 spring-time when I came here and I stepped on to ___ its piers, ___ I
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47 thought of how it must have been when you're on-ly fif-teen years. ___
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Soprano But it's

Alto But it's

50 hope, isle of tears, isle of free-dom, isle of fears.

Tenor

Bass

not the isle you left be-hind. ___

Ah. ___

52 not the isle you left be-hind. ___ That isle of hunger, isle of pain, isle you'll

Ah. ___

Unis.

55 nev-er see a-gain, but the isle of home __ is al-ways on __ your

Unis.

Solo 57 *f*

Isle of hope, isle of tears, isle of freedom, isle of fears, but it's

Soprano *f*

Alto *f*

mind. Isle of hope, isle of tears, isle of freedom, isle of fears, but it's

Tenor *f*

Bass *f*

60 not the Isle you left be-hind. ___ That isle of hunger, isle of pain, isle you'll

63 nev-er see a-gain, but the isle of home ___ is al - ways on ___ your

65 *dim. e rit.* *p* *Freely, slower*
mind. But the isle of home ___ is always on your mind.

dim. e rit. *Unis. p*
mind. Oo.

dim. e rit. *p*

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On the first day of January,
Eighteen Ninety-Two,
They opened Ellis Island and
they let the people through.
And the first to cross the threshold
of that Isle Of Hope And Tears,
was Annie Moore from Ireland
who was all of fifteen years.

Chorus:

In her little bag she carried
all her past and history,
and her dreams for the future
in the Land of Liberty.
And courage is the passport
when your old world disappears
'cause there's no future in the past
when you're fifteen years

Chorus:

When they closed down Ellis Island
in Nineteen Forty-Three,
Seventeen Million people
had come there for sanctuary.
And in springtime when I came here
and I stepped onto its piers,
I thought of how it must have been
when you're only fifteen years.

Chorus:

Chorus:
Isle of Hope, Isle of Tears,
Isle of Freedom, Isle of Fears,
but it's not the Isle you left behind.
That Isle of Hunger, Isle of Pain,
Isle you'll never see again
but the Isle of Home
is always on your mind.