

Basic Detail Report



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Title

Married to a Mermaid

Date

c 1866

Primary Maker

Michael Watson

Medium

Ink on paper

Dimensions

Overall: 345 x 255 x 10 mm

Name

Sheet music

History

Sheet music offers an insight into popular culture and social values at the time of their production. The widely distributed pieces were sold fairly cheaply, making them popular purchases with the general public. Music was an integral part of people's social life in the home and at public events such as balls, recitals, concerts and theatre shows. The mythical creature of the mermaid has long been associated with the travels and stories of sailors. Often they are depicted as sirens who lure seamen to their death.