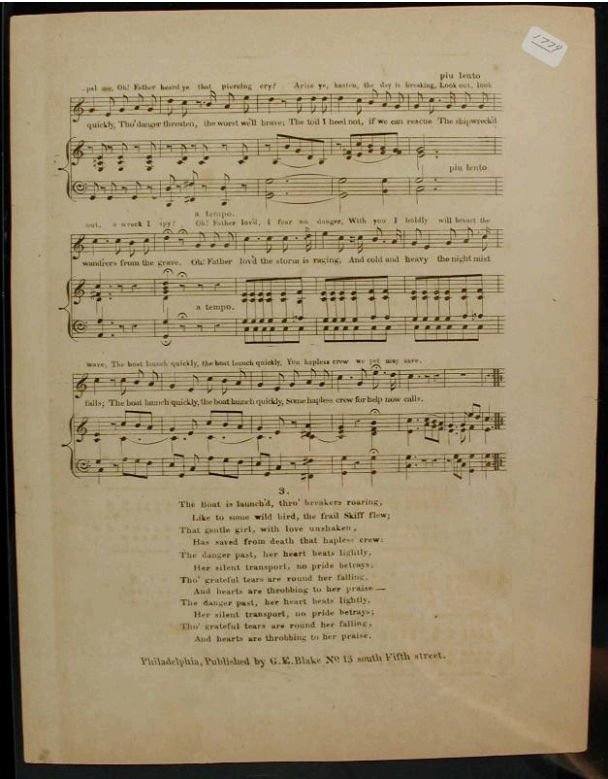


Basic Detail Report



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Title
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Date
c 1838

Primary Maker
George Linley

Medium
Ink on paper

Dimensions
Overall: 340 x 257 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 SS FORFARSHIRE was a 1238 ton paddlesteamer built in 1838 and was broken in two when it struck rocks near the Farne Islands on 7 September 1838. The ship was commissioned by the Dundee & Hull Shipping line to carry passengers between Dundee and Hull. Only a small number of crew managed to escape the sinking ship in a row boat while nine others were rescued by Grace and William Darling. Grace Horlsey Darling was born at Northumberland, England in 1815. Grace's father William Darling was a lighthouse keeper and the Darling family lived on two lighthouses. In the morning of 7 September 1838 Grace Darling spotted the shipwreck of SS FORFARESHIRE near Longstone Lighthouse, Farne Islands and encouraged her father to row out in gale conditions to rescue a number of stranded passengers. Grace's actions during the Victorian era in Britain were seen as heroic and especially remarkable for a woman. She became celebrated and the subject of newspaper articles, paintings, sheet music, stories and poems.