

THE BONNY LIGHTER-BOY

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Allegretto grazioso

VOICE

1. It's_ of a brisk_ young sail - or lad, And
in my fa - ther's gar - den, Be -

PIANO

he a pren - tice bound; — And she a mer - chant's daugh - ter, With fif - ty thou - sand
neath the wil - low tree, — He took me up all in his arms, And kiss'd me ten - der -

pound — They loved each oth - er dear - ly, In sor - row and in joy: — Let him
ly — Down on the ground we both sat down, And talk'd of love and joy: — Let him

go where he will, he's my love still, He's my bon - ny light - er - boy. —
say what he will, he's my love still, He's my bon - ny light - er - boy. —

2. 'Twas

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3. Her fa - ther, he be - ing near her, He heard what she did say — He

The first system of the musical score features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a second ending bracket labeled '2.'. The lyrics are '3. Her fa - ther, he be - ing near her, He heard what she did say — He'. The piano accompaniment consists of a right-hand part with eighth-note chords and a left-hand part with a steady bass line. Dynamics include a piano (*p*) marking and a crescendo (*cresc.*) marking.

cried: Un - ru - ly daugh - ter, I'll send him far - a - way; — On

The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are 'cried: Un - ru - ly daugh - ter, I'll send him far - a - way; — On'. The piano accompaniment features a right-hand part with eighth-note chords and a left-hand part with a steady bass line. Dynamics include a diminuendo (*dim.*) marking and a mezzo-forte (*mf*) marking.

board a ship I'll have him press'd, I'll rob you of your joy: — Send him

The third system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are 'board a ship I'll have him press'd, I'll rob you of your joy: — Send him'. The piano accompaniment features a right-hand part with eighth-note chords and a left-hand part with a steady bass line. A crescendo (*cresc.*) marking is present.

where you will, he's my love still, He's my bon - ny light - er - boy. —

The fourth system concludes the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are 'where you will, he's my love still, He's my bon - ny light - er - boy. —'. The piano accompaniment features a right-hand part with eighth-note chords and a left-hand part with a steady bass line. Dynamics include a *rall.* (rallentando) marking, a *f marcato* marking, a *dim.* (diminuendo) marking, and a piano (*p*) marking.