

On the Shoals

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$\text{♩} = 92$

The musical score is written in 6/8 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in three verses. The first system includes the tempo marking '♩ = 92'. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

1. A cry comes o - ver the deep, Wail - ing of dy - ing souls. 'Tis
2. Sweet hope went out with the day, Rud - der and com - pass lost; Des -
3. Quick! point to the sav - ing Rock Loom - ing from out the deep, Whose

echoed in eve - ry heart, Bro - thers are on the shoals! The
- pair more dark than night, Crown - eth the tem - pest tossed; No
beacon the per - iled souls Ev - er will safe - ly keep. No

breakers are dash - ing high, And death is in ev - ery wave, And
help may come from the sea, No suc - cor from the land, Say,
matter how fierce the storm, How madly the bil - low rolls, The

wild - ly ringeth the cry, "We perish with none to save."
must they perish, and we Reach never to them a hand?
light of the Guid - ing Star, Will bring them off the shoals.

Refrain

Ring out the tide of song, While prayer its bur-den rolls, That He who rules the

storm, Will bring them off the shoals.