

THEY WENT TO SEA IN A SIEVE

for 2-part voices and piano*

Words from "The Jumblies" by
EDWARD LEAR (1812–1888)

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Steadily (♩ = ca. 69)

PIANO

mp

no pedal

4 ALL VOICES (*unison*) *mp* 6

They — went to sea in a

7

sieve, they did, in a sieve they went to — sea. In —

10

spite of all their friends could say, on a win - ter's morn, on a

* PianoTrax accompaniment available (A-00016631). Visit alfred.com for digital scores and audio.

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13 PART I

mf

storm - y day, in a sieve they went to sea! And

PART II

storm - y day, in a sieve they went to sea!

8va

16

when the sieve turned round and round,

mf

and ev - 'ry - one cried, "You'll -

mf
pedal

19

they called a - loud: "Our sieve ain't big,

all be drowned!" but we



22

in a sieve we'll go to
 don't care a but-ton, we don't care a fig, in a sieve we'll go to

26

sea!" Far and few far and few are the
 sea!" Far and few,

28

lands where the Jum - blies live. Their heads are green, and their
 far and few are the lands where the Jum - blies live. Their

31

hands are blue, and they went to sea in a sieve, and they
 heads are green, and their hands are blue, and they went to sea in a

2nd time to CODA (p. 8, m. 58)

34

went to sea in a sieve, in a sieve.
 sieve, and they went to sea in a sieve.

2nd time to CODA (p. 8, m. 58)

mp

37

mp 38 The wa-ter it soon came in, it did, the
mp The wa-ter it soon came in, it did, the

40

wa-ter it soon came in. So to keep them dry, they

wa-ter it soon came in. So to keep them dry, they

43

wrapped their feet in a pink - y pa - per all fold - ed neat, and they

wrapped their feet in a pink - y pa per all fold - ed neat, and they

46

mf 48

fas-tened it down with a pin. And they passed the night in a

fas-tened it down with a pin.

mf

49

crock-er - y jar, *mf* Though the

and — each of them said, “How — wise we are!

52

sky be dark and the voy-age be long,

yet we nev-er can think we were

55

while — round in our sieve we spin!”

rash or wrong, while — round in our sieve we spin!”

D.S. al CODA
(p. 4, m. 26)

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(p. 4, m. 26)

58 **CODA** 60

f

sieve, and they went to

f

sieve, and they went to

CODA

cresc. *f*

61

sea in a sieve!

sea in a sieve!

8va