

Jake Heggie

Starbuck's Aria

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from *Moby Dick*

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Steady ♩ = ca. 66

mf *free*

Cap-tain A - hab? I must speak with you.

4

He opens the door, Ahab is asleep.

Sir? —

mp

pp

7

p

Ah.

He is

p

poco rit.

10

Sleep-ing.

poco rit.

Slower ♩ = 100

Slower ♩ = 100 He would have shot me.

There's the ver - y mus - ket he point - ed at me.

Load - ed? Aye. And pow - der in the pan.

*a tempo**He takes the musket off the wall.*

He takes the musket off the wall.

26

Faster $\text{♩} = 112$

p

He would have killed me_____

pp

28

with the ver³ - y thing in my_____

30

hands. Aye._____ Would he

32

fain_____ kill_____ all his crew?

34 *mf*

My soul _____ swears this ship will

p

36 *accel.*

come to dead - - - ly

38 **Faster** ♩ = 126 *f*

harm. _____ What car-es A - hab? _____

Faster ♩ = 126 *mf* *cresc.*

42

f *dim.*

46

*slowing**p*

Is

51

 $\text{♩} = 100$

there no oth-er way? No law - ful_ way? Make him a

pp

54

pris-on - er to be tak-en home?

mf

Wrest the old man's liv - ing power from his own

mp

accel.

hands? On - ly a fool would try it.

mf

mf Steady

The men have vowed thy

f Steady *mp*

69

vows. _____ Aye. Now all of us are

f *rit.*

5 *f* *rit.*

73

Faster (♩ = 126)

A - habs. _____ Oh

p

Faster (♩ = 126)

6

76

Slower (♩ = 80)

Lord, is it mur-der _____ to strike a would - be mur-der-er _____

Slower (♩ = 80)

p

79

rit.

— in his bed?

Slower ♩ = ca. 60
molto espr.

82

p

Oh Lord, what shall I do?

Slower ♩ = ca. 60

pp colla voce

84

mp

One touch and Star-buck may sur-vive

p

86 *mf*

To see his wife and child a - gain. Re - turn to them a - live.

mp *p*



90 **A little faster**

A little faster

mf



92 *f*

Oh, Mar - y! ——— Oh, my boy!

colla voce



94

Great God, where art Thou now?

96

98