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## [18] When First the Sun

*Maestoso*

*mp*

5

10

15

When

first the sun o'er o-cean glowed, And earth un-veiled her vir-gin breast, And

earth un-veiled her vir-gin breast, Su-preme mid-na-ture, and

na-ture's vast a-bode, Was heard the Al-might-y dread be-hest.

The musical score is written for piano in a key with two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a common time signature. It consists of five systems of music. The first system is marked 'Maestoso' and 'mp'. The second system begins with a measure marked '5' and ends with a repeat sign and a fermata. The third system begins with a measure marked '10' and contains the lyrics 'first the sun o'er o-cean glowed, And earth un-veiled her vir-gin breast, And'. The fourth system begins with a measure marked '15' and contains the lyrics 'earth un-veiled her vir-gin breast, Su-preme mid-na-ture, and'. The fifth system contains the lyrics 'na-ture's vast a-bode, Was heard the Al-might-y dread be-hest.' The piano part features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the left hand and a more melodic line in the right hand.

20

Rise Co-lum-bia, Co-lum-bia brave and free, Poise the globe,

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poise the globe, Poise the globe and bound the sea.

*mf*

[D.S.]

And lo! a-cross the At-lan-tic floods,  
 The star di-rect-ed pil-grim sails;  
 The star di-rect-ed pil-grim sails;  
 See! felled by com-merce, float the woods;  
 And clothed by Cer-es, wave thy vales!  
 Rise Co-lum-bia, Co-lum-bia brave and free,  
 Poise the globe, poise the globe,  
 Poise the globe and bound the sea.

Nor yet, though skilled, de-light in arms;  
 Peace and her off-spring arts be thine,  
 Peace and her off-spring arts be thine.  
 The face of free-dom scarce has charms  
 When on her cheeks no dim-ples shine.  
 Rise Co-lum-bia, Co-lum-bia brave and free,  
 Poise the globe, poise the globe,  
 Poise the globe and bound the sea.

While fame, for thee, her wreath in-twines,  
 To bless thy no-bler tri-umph prove;  
 To bless thy no-bler tri-umph prove;  
 And though the ea-gle haunts thy pines,  
 Be-neath thy wil-lows shield the dove.  
 Rise Co-lum-bia, Co-lum-bia brave and free,  
 Poise the globe, poise the globe,  
 Poise the globe and bound the sea.

Re-vered in arms, in peace hu-mane,  
 No shore nor realm shall bound thy sway,  
 No shore nor realm shall bound thy sway,  
 While all the vir-tues own thy reign,  
 And sub-ject el-e-ments o-bey.  
 Rise Co-lum-bia, Co-lum-bia brave and free,  
 Poise the globe, poise the globe,  
 Poise the globe and bound the sea.