

## Esberger, Walter

DOB: 23 July 1884, Cincinnati, Ohio

DOD: 22 June 1962, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

each must learn one thing in addition to music by which to make a living." (Cincinnati Post, April father, himself a musician. He was very stern about their music lessons; having talents, they must make the best use of them, if they desired, they might make a profession of music, but 'In the Esberger family, there were six musical children whose music was directed by their 28, 1930, page 1.)

in, and a local newspaper reported that "serious results were anticipated". Luckily, he survived. finger of his right hand caught on a nail and ripped the finger off his hand. Blood poisoning set In 1895, (aged ten), Esberger was climbing a fence in his back yard when a ring on the third

Charles, (born in Germany ca. 1852), and Louisa, (born in Ohio ca. 1854 to German immigrant father and Ohioan mother), and siblings Walter, Flora, Hubert, Charles Jr., and his wife Lillie, ablest and most thorough musicians." The 1910 census listed him as living with his parents, The 1907 Cincinnati Enquirer described Esberger as "one of the city's and child Eleanor. Walter is listed as a music teacher.

more profitable and to his liking. He was one of the youngest band leaders in the United States clerk for the Union Trust and Savings Bank. At the age of 27, he found the music field to be Conservatory in Cincinnati. In 1911, Walter Esberger was working in the banking field, as a He attended Cincinnati public schools and studied piano at the old College of Music and at that time, and quickly surpassed many veteran leaders.

In 1914, he is listed at 1408 Vine St. under "Bands and Orchestras" in the Cincinnati directory. By 1920, his is listed as "Musician, Own Business" in Cincinnati directory.

Esberger was also one of the principal artists at the Vocalstyle Music Co., where he recorded In 1942 he was employed by Baldwin Piano Co., 142 W. 4th St, Cincinnati. At this time, he states in his WW2 military draft card that "Third finger right hand is amputated". Walter

Shriners, and Oola Khan Grotto. He led the Cincinnati Syrian Shrine Band from 1926-1957. For more than 25 years Esberger and his brother, Walter, were associated with bands in Cincinnati and free concerts in Eden Park. His band frequently played for the Turnfest, The functions. An active Mason, Esberger was also a member of the Knights Templars, the Elks' Reunion, the Cincinnati Zoo, visits by President Taft, WLW radio, and other civic

Florida, where he died of a heart attack on June 22, 1962. He is buried in Cincinnati's Spring Esberger retired from his music career in 1957. He and his wife moved to Ft. Lauderdale, Grove Cemetery

ordinarily have been conducted by Walter or Charles Esberger, his successors as leader of the Esberger: "It is perhaps poetic justice that many of the concerts which Henry conducted would Walter Esberger was also a composer of marches, and a study of his programs shows that he Paul E. Bierley's book, 'Hallelujah Trombone!: The Story of Henry Fillmore" is quite unkind to Syrian Temple Shrine Band, and with whom there had previously been unpleasant relations. almost never played any of Henry's music. Henry's friends who played in Esberger's band resented this.

# KNOWN WORKS (8) - Heritage Encyclopedia of Band Music

American Spirit March (Church, 1922)

By Power of Right March (Fillmore, 1915)

Freedom of the Seas March (Church, 1918)

Our Nominee March (Church, 1916)

Our Pride, march

Our Republic March (Church, 1912)

Paean of Triumph March (Fillmore, 1916)

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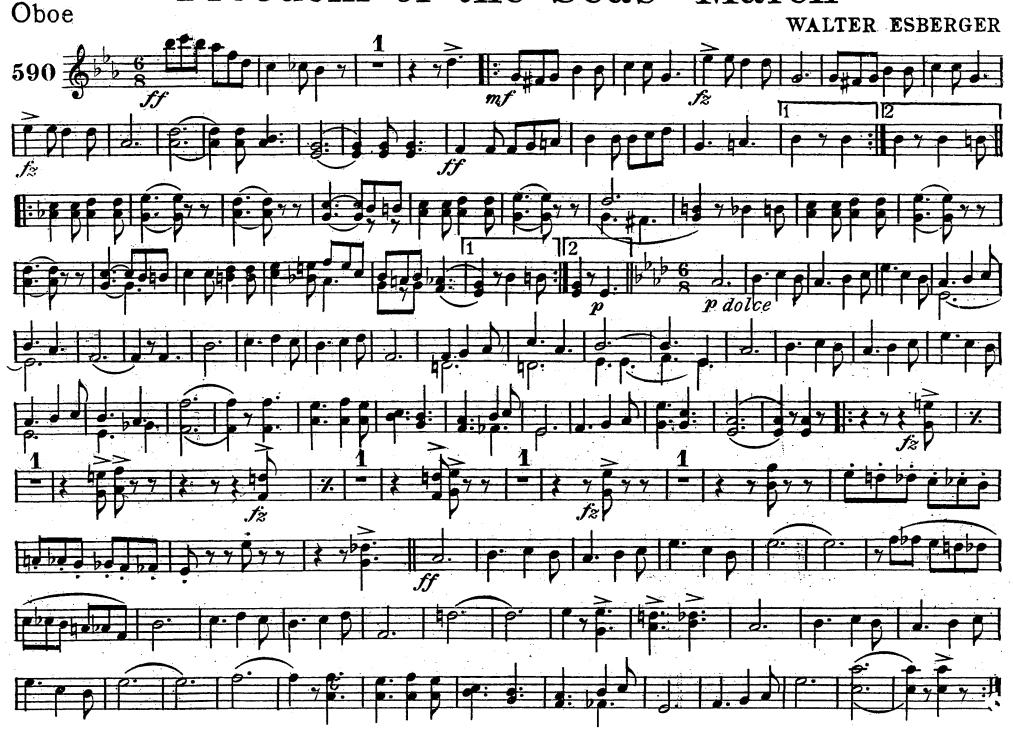


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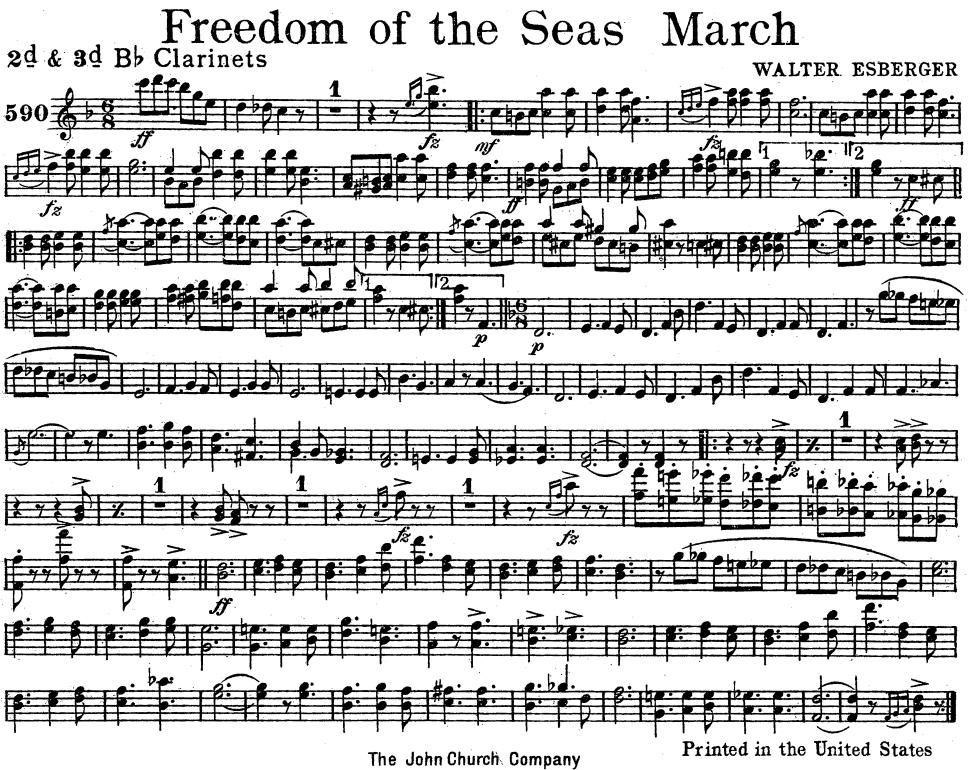
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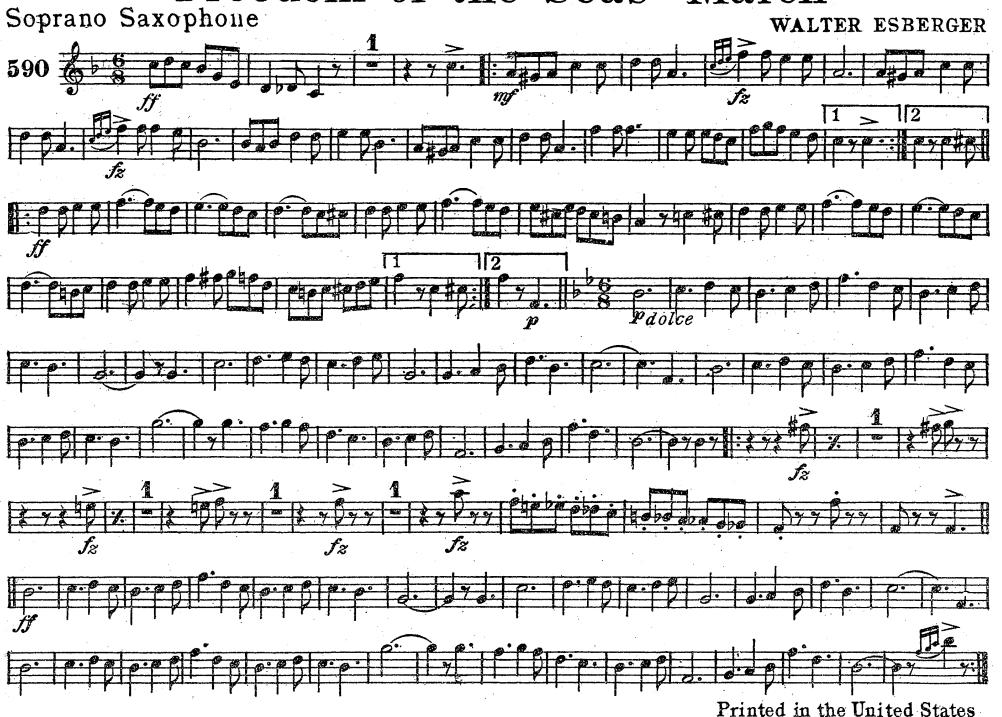


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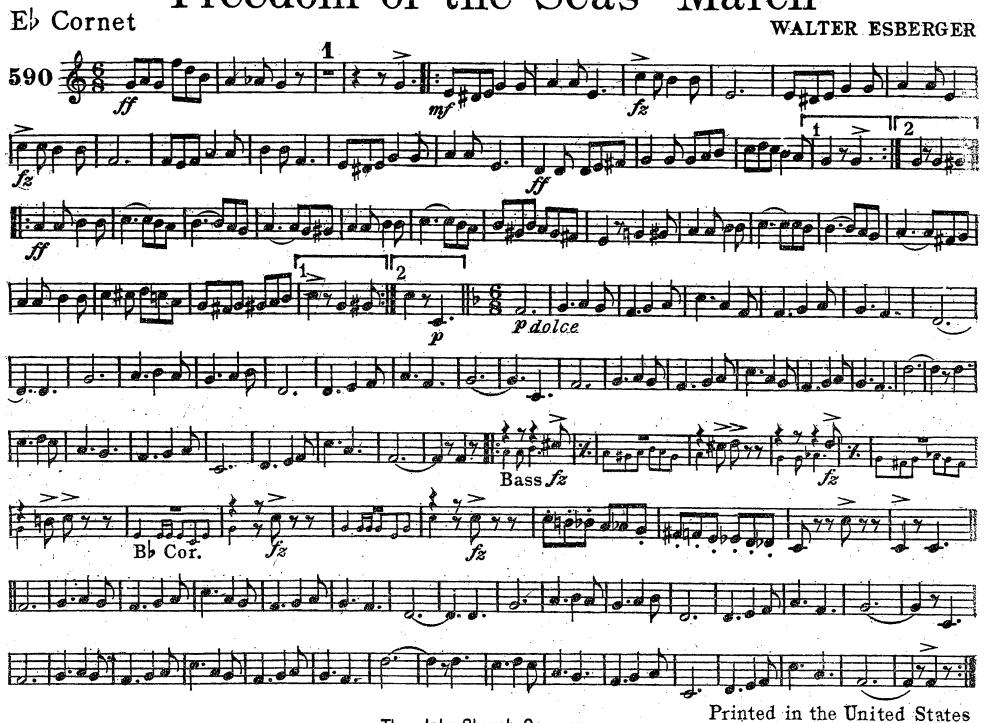




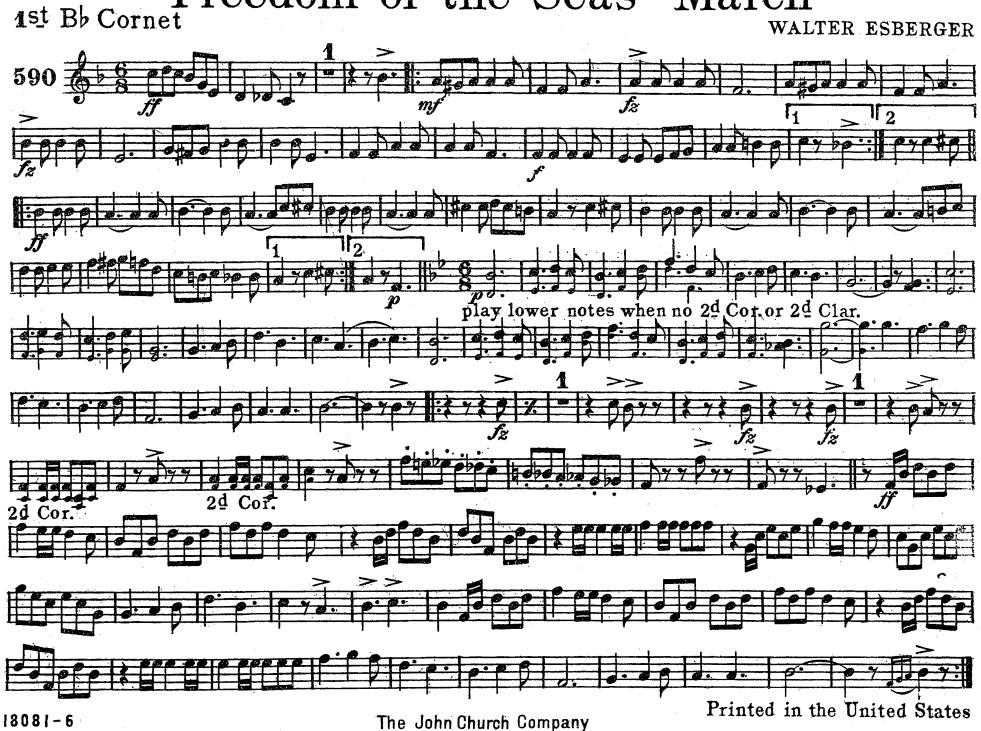




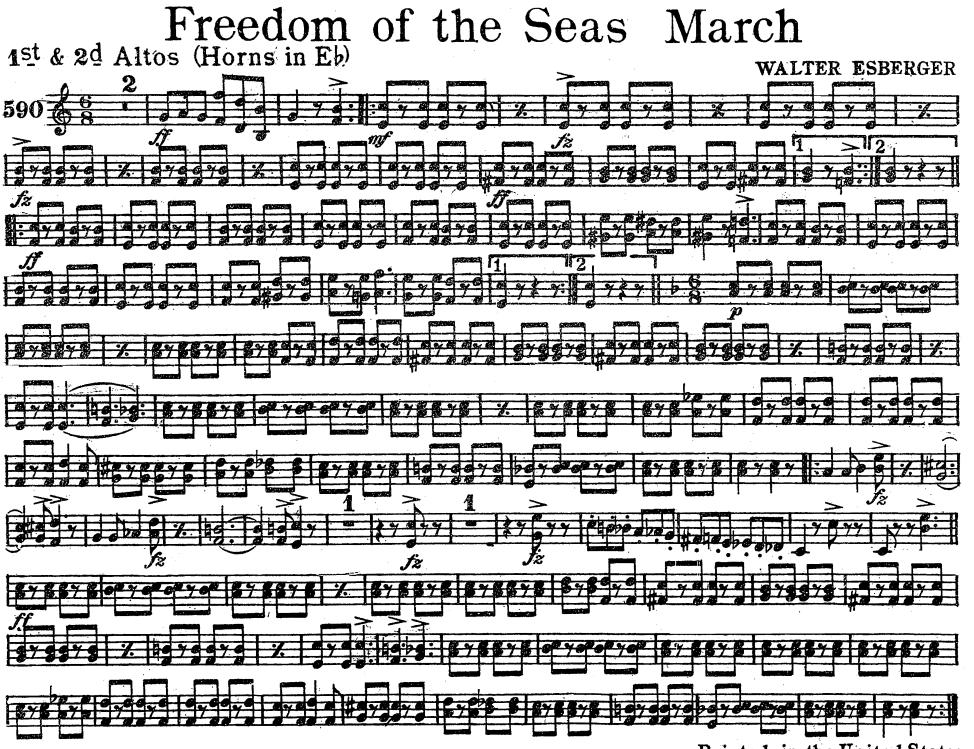
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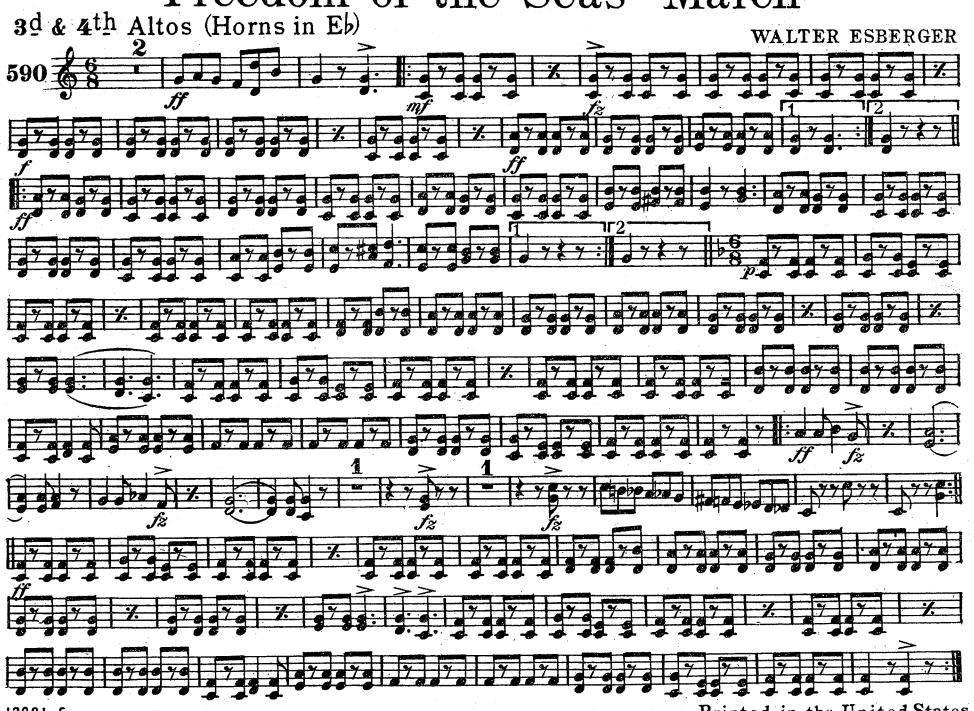
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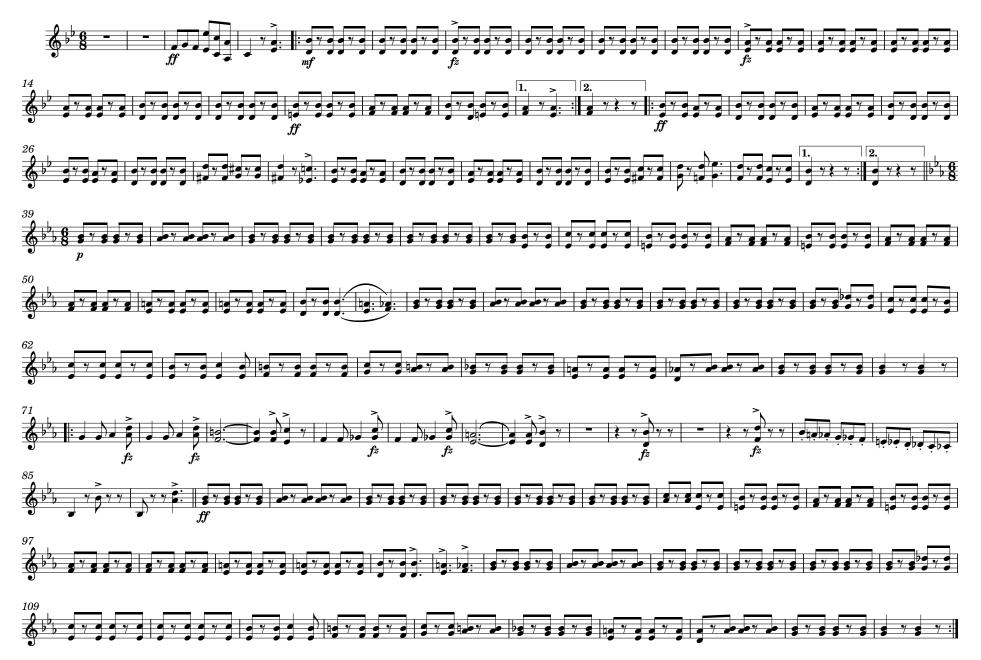


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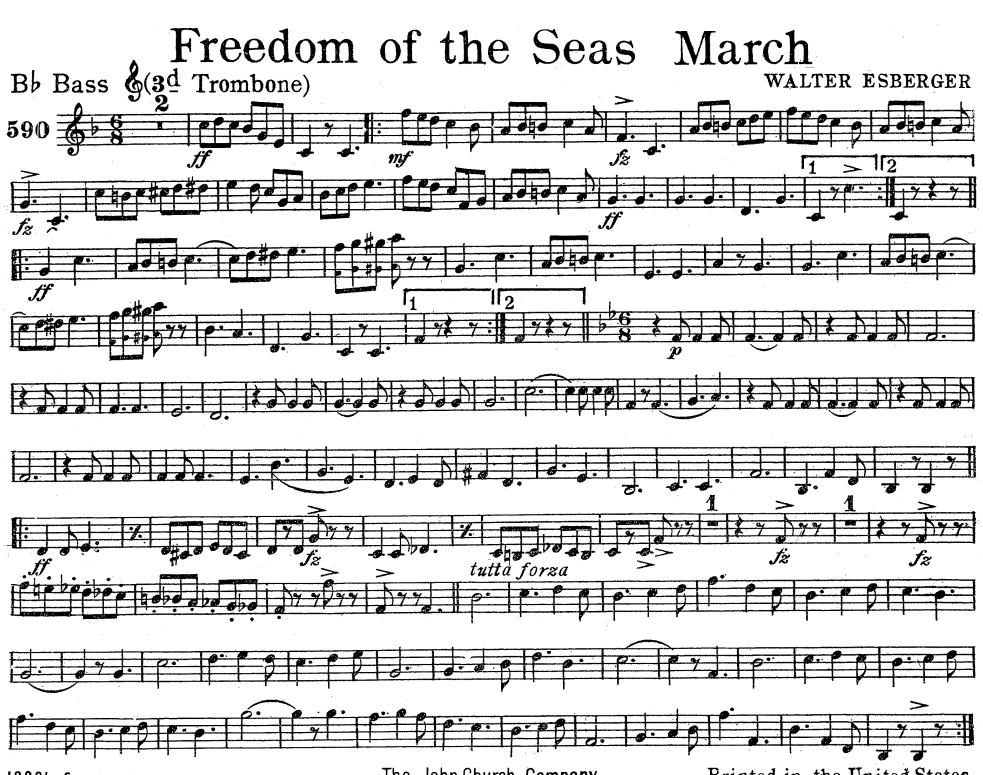


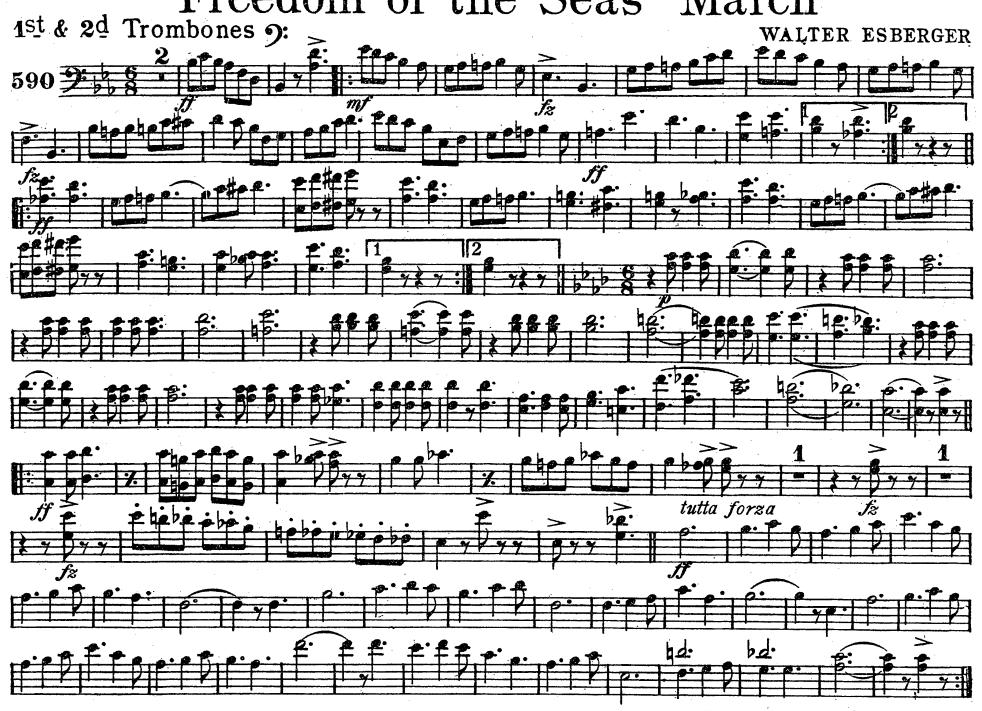
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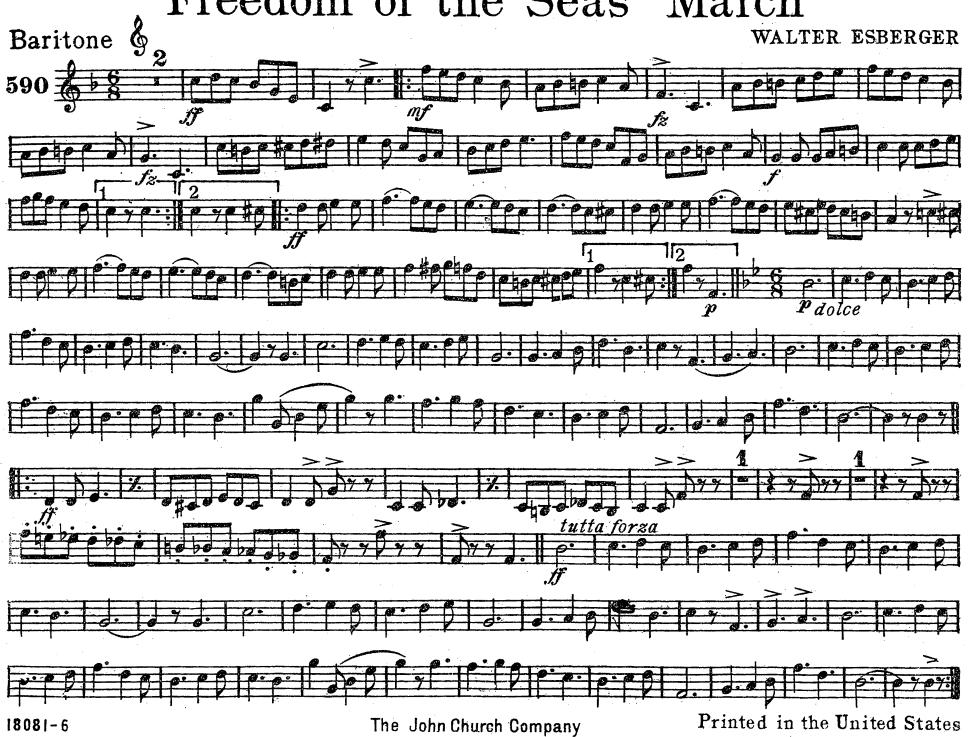


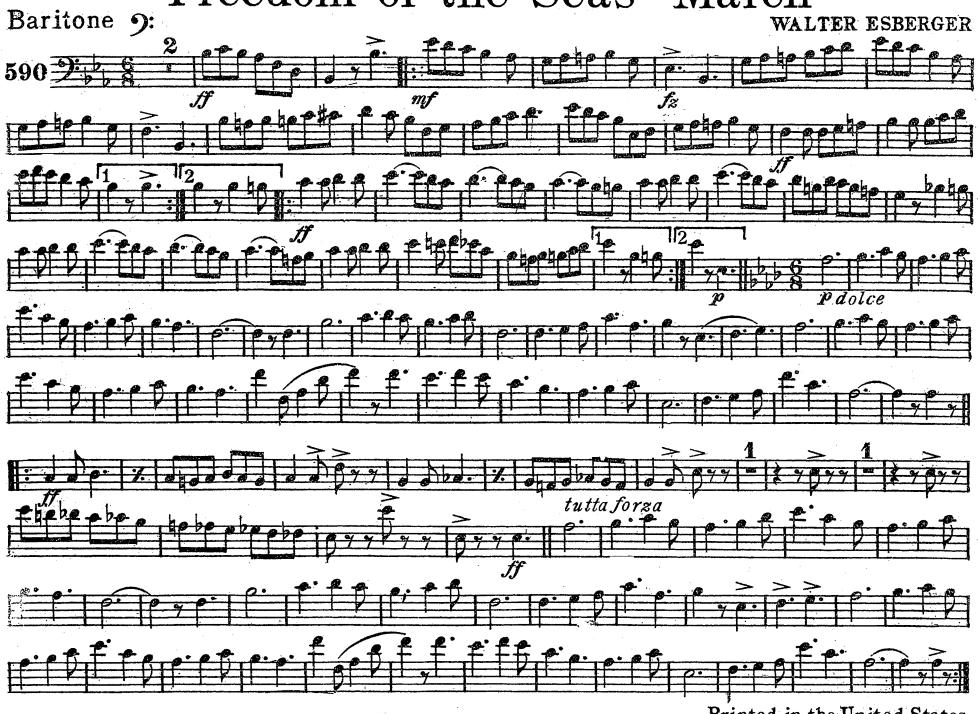




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