

# Ballad (O What is that Sound?)

for TBB and piano

music: David Hamilton (2006)  
text: W.H. Auden (1907-1973)

$\text{♩} = 92$  (March-like, with a hint of menace!) v1: solo (or tutti unison)

Tenor *p* O what is that sound,  
O what is that light,  
*2nd time only*

Baritone *p* O what is that light,  
*2nd time only*

Bass *p* O what is that light,

Piano *pp*



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T. <sup>4</sup>  
O what is that sound which so thrills the ear clear down in the val- ley  
O what is that light I see flash-ing so clear o- ver the dis- tance

Bar. O what is that light I see flash-ing so clear o ver the dis- tance

B. O what is that light I see flash-ing so clear o ver the dis- tance

Pno.

7

T. *8*  
 drum-ming, drum-ming?  
 bright-ly, bright-ly?

Bar.  
 bright-ly, bright-ly?

B.  
 bright-ly, bright-ly?

*mp* on-ly the scar-let  
 on-ly the sun on their

sol-diers, dear,  
 wea-pons dear,

*mp* on-ly the wea-pons dear,

*mp* the wea-pons dear,

Pno.



10

T. *8*  
 the sol-diers  
 as they step com-ing.  
 light-ly.

Bar.  
 as they step light-ly.

B.  
 as they step light-ly.

Pno.

13

T. *mp* O what are they do-ing, O what are they do-ing with all that gear,

Bar. *mp* O what are they do-ing, do-ing with all that gear, \_\_\_\_\_

B. *mp* O what are they do-ing with all that gear,

Pno. *mp*



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T. what are they do-ing this morn-ing, this morn-ing? *mf* on-ly the u-sual ma-

Bar. what are they do-ing this morn-ing, this morn-ing? *mf* on-ly ma-

B. what are they do-ing this morn-ing, this morn-ing?

Pno.