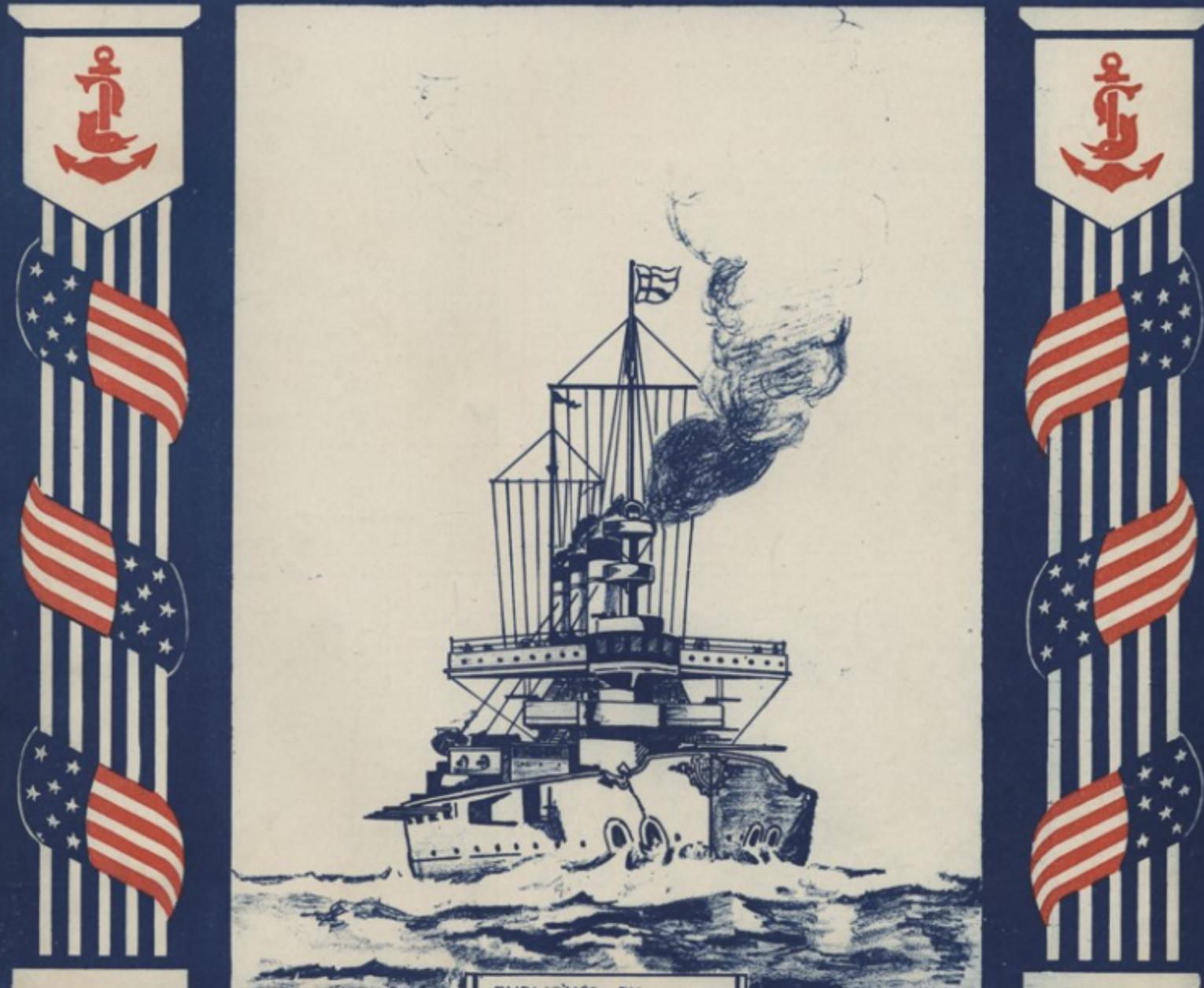


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Moderato

PIANO

Down in the bay, — there's a bat - tle-ship
What do you know, — now they're back a gain

Vamp

Sail-ing a - way, — on a foreign trip Just see that crowd on the shore,
Plent-y of dough, — for the sail-or men Just see them roaming a - round,

There must be thou-sands or more,
On ev'- ry street they'll be found,
Wav-in' good-bye, _____
Soon as they land, _____

— to their hearts de-light Strain-in' their eye, _____ till they're out of sight
in a Cab - a - ret, Strike up the band, _____ start it right a-way

And when that band be-gins to play You'll see those boys be-gin — to sway,
Come on there boys just let her rip You've got that gang right in — your grip.

They sure - ly love that wa - ter-way rag. _____
Just play that good old Bat - tle-ship rag. _____

The sheet music consists of five staves of music. The top two staves are for the voice, with lyrics appearing below the notes. The bottom three staves are for the piano, showing chords and bass notes. The music is in 2/4 time, with a key signature of one flat. The lyrics describe a scene of sailors on a ship, mentioning thousands on shore, waving goodbye as they sail away, and the band playing to keep them entertained. The piano part provides harmonic support with chords and rhythmic patterns.

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CHORUS

See those sail - ors when they get on shore _____ They're such good
 company _____ you want to meet them more and more ____

 See them pranc-ing, see them dane-ing To the mus-ie so en - tranc-ing

 Those de - fend - ers of the (O here comes Yank - ee Dood - le) Flag.

They learn'd to Tan - go by thet mus - ie of the Na - vy Band _____

— They think that Hes-i - ta-tion is sim-ply grand — If you want to get their

brain in a whirl When they're dancing with a real live girl Just play

that Battle-ship rag. 1. 2. rag.