Soldier's Adieu

Andante $\frac{4}{4} = 120$

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Vln. 12

Pno.

only life, my honour calls me from thee; remember thou art a sailor's wife, those tears but ill become thee. What thou by duty

Vln. 16

Pno.

I am called where thund'ring cannons rattle, Where valour's self might

*Austen crossed out 'soldier's' and substituted 'sailor's' here.
stand appal'd, where valour's self might stand appal'd, when on the wings of

thy dear love, to heav'n above thy fervent orisons are flown, the

tender pray'r thou put'st up there shall call a guardian angel down, shall
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2.
My safety thy fair truth shall be,
As sword and buckler serving:
My life shall be more dear to me,
Because of thy preserving.
Let peril come, let horror threat,
Let thundering cannons rattle,
I fearless seek the conflict's heat,
Assur'd, when on wings of love,
To heaven above &c.

3.
Enough - with that benignant smile
Some kindred God inspir'd thee,
Who saw thy bosom, void of guile,
Who wonder'd and admir'd thee:
I go - assur'd - my life! adieu!
Though thundering cannons rattle.
Though murdering carnage stalk in view,
When on the wings of thy true love,
To heaven above &c.

Violin part transcribed by G. Dooley from manuscript in Jane Austen's hand in Jane Austen's House Museum collection (JAHM 3:12). Piano accompaniment and melody copied with slight alterations (as performed in 2007-09) from Joyce Donley's arrangement at Austen Music Online, and compared with Austen's MS in September 2010. Separate violin part available.