On the Beautiful Lake Erie

Henry Hart (1839-1915)





Henry Hart (1839-1915) was a Black American composer, singer, and violinist renowned for his musical depictions of Black American culture in songs and solo piano works. Additionally, he was in great demand as a violinist, performing for countless prestigious events in Indianapolis from 1879 until his death. Hart performed for Presidents Hayes, Cleveland, and Harrison as well as several gubernatorial inaugurations.