

The Water is Wide

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For SSA, a cappella*

Duration: ca. 2:43

Traditional Folk Song
Arranged by GREG GILPIN

Melancholy, with rubato (♩ = 48-56)

Soprano I *p*
The wa-ter is wide, _____ I can-not cross o'er.

Soprano II *p*
The wa-ter is wide, _____ I can-not cross o'er.

Alto *p*
The wa-ter is wide, _____ I can-not cross o'er.

cresc.
Nei - ther have I _____ the wings to fly.

cresc.
Nei - ther have I _____ the wings to, _____ the wings to

cresc.
5 Nei - ther have I _____ the wings to, _____ the wings to

10 *mf* *dim.*
Build me a boat _____ that can car - ry two,

mf *dim.*
fly. Build me a boat _____ that can car - ry two, car - ry

mf *dim.*
9 fly. Build me a boat _____ that can car - ry two, car - ry

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p

and both shall row, _____ my love and I. I leaned my

p

two and both shall row, _____ my love and I. I leaned my

p

13 two and both shall row, _____ my love and I. I leaned my

18 *mp*

back _____ a - gainst an oak think - ing it

mp

back _____ a - gainst an oak _____ think - ing it,

mp

18 back _____ a - gainst an oak

cresc.

was _____ a might - y tree. _____ But first it

cresc.

think - ing it was a might - y tree. _____ But first it

cresc.

22 think - ing it was a might - y tree. _____ But first it

26 *mf*

bent _____ and then it broke. _____

mf

bent _____ and then it broke, then it broke.

mf

26 bent, first it bent and then it broke. _____

mp *p*

So did my love prove false to me, _____

mp *p*

So did my love prove false to

mp

30 So did my love

f

_____ prove false to me. O, love is

f

me, prove false to me. O, love is

p *f*

34 prove false to me, prove false to me. O, love is

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37 *più mosso*

hand - some _____ and love is kind, bright as a

hand - some _____ and love is kind, _____ bright as a

37 *più mosso*

hand - some _____ and love is kind,

dim.

jewel _____ when it is new. _____

dim.

jewel _____ when it is new, when it is new.

dim.

41 bright as a jewel when it is new, when it is new.

46 *mp*

But love grows old and wax - es

mp

But love grows old and wax - es

mp

45 But love grows old _____ and wax - es cold,

49

dim.

cold _____ and fades a -

dim.

cold _____ and fades a - way _____

dim.

and wax - es cold and fades a -

53

p

way like morn - ing dew. The wa - ter is

p

_____ like morn - ing dew. The wa - ter is

p

way like morn - ing dew. _____

In 4

rit.

slowly pp

wide, _____ I can - not cross o'er.

rit.

slowly pp

The wa - ter is wide, I can - not cross o'er.

rit.

slowly pp

57 The wa - ter is wide, I can - not cross o'er.