

# THE WATER IS WIDE

for S.S.A. voices and piano  
with optional PianoTrax CD\*

American Folk Song  
Arranged by **JAY ALTHOUSE**

Andante (♩ = ca. 92)

SOPRANO I  
SOPRANO II

ALTO

PIANO

Andante (♩ = ca. 92)

*mp*

4

*mp* (opt. solo)

The wa-ter is wide, I can-not cross

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o'er. But nei - ther have I \_\_\_\_\_

Build me a  
the wings to fly.

*mp (opt. solo)*  
*(end solo)*

boat that can car - ry two,

16

and both shall row, my love and

19

(end solo)

I.

22

*mp* I leaned my back *mf* on a fine young

I leaned my back on a fine young

25

oak. I thought it was

28

a trust - y tree. But first it

a trust - y tree. a trust y tree.

31

bend - ed and then it broke.

But first it bend - ed, then it

34

Thus did my love prove false to  
broke. Thus did my love

37

me. The wa-ter is wide.  
prove false to me The wa-ter is wide.

40

The wa-ter is wide. The wa-ter is  
The wa-ter is wide, the wa-ter is wide. The wa-ter is

43 *rit.*

wide. The wa-ter is wide.

wide. The wa-ter is wide.

*rit.*

46 **f** 47 *a tempo*

*f* Oh, love is fair

*f* Oh, love is fair

*f* *a tempo*

48

and love is fine,

and love is fine,

50

it's —

bright as a rose when first it's,

bright as a rose when first it's,

53

*rit.*

*rit.*

*broadly*

when first it's new. But love grows

when first it's new. But love grows

*rit.*

*broadly*

55

*a tempo*

old, and some - times

old, and some - times

*a tempo*

57

cold, and fades a -  
 cold, and fades a -

59

*rit.* *mf* *a tempo* *decresc.*  
 way like the morn - ing dew.  
 way like the morn - ing dew.

*mf* *decresc.*

*rit.* *mf* *a tempo*

62

*mp (opt. solo)*  
 The wa - ter is

*decresc.* *mp*



65

(end solo)

wide, \_\_\_\_\_ I can-not cross o'er.

68

*rit.*

*mp*

Slowly, freely

*decresc.*

Oh, let me fly, \_\_\_\_\_

Oh, let me fly, \_\_\_\_\_

*mp* *decresc.*

Slowly, freely

71

*p*

\_\_\_\_\_ my love and I. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ my love and I. \_\_\_\_\_

*p*