

THE WATER IS WIDE

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

American Folk Song
Arranged by GREG GILPIN

Thoughtfully, with rubato ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 100$)

SOPRANO ALTO

BARITONE

PIANO

Oo.

p

Oo.

p

Oo.

Oo.

Thoughtfully, with rubato ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 100$)

p

6 Slower, not rushed ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 76$)

4

rit.

mp

mp

I can-not, I can-not

mp

Slower, not rushed ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 76$)

rit.

mp

* Also available for S.A.T.B. (47733).
PianoTrax 11 Accompaniment CD available (47188).

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8

With longing and mystery (♩ = ca. 120)

rit. *p*

cross o'er.

With longing and mystery (♩ = ca. 120)

p rit.

12

15

mp

The wa - ter is

mp

18

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

21

mp Nei - ther have I _____ the wings to _____

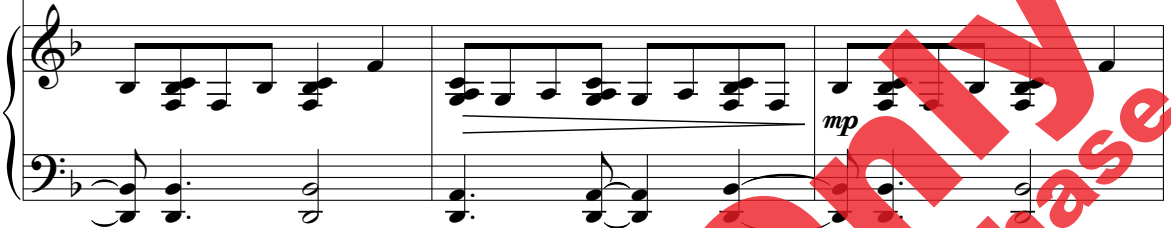
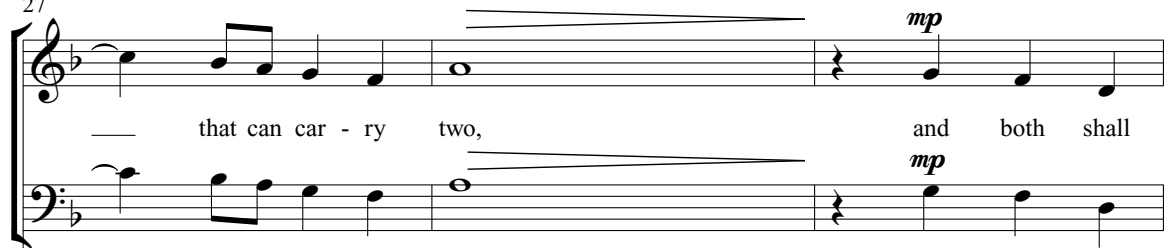
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mp _____ mf
fly. Give me a boat _____
mp _____ mf

27

that can car - ry two, and both shall

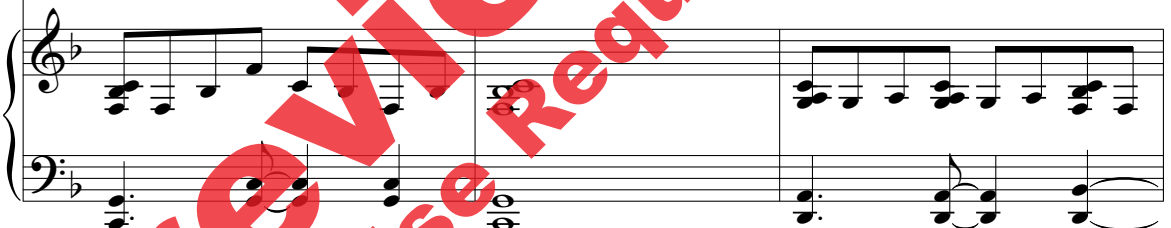
mp



30

row, my love and I.

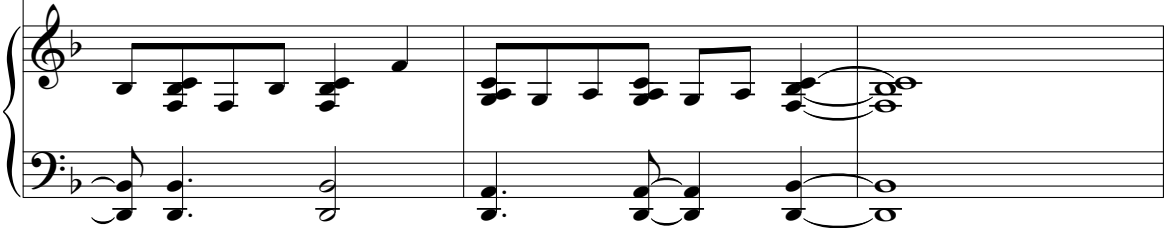
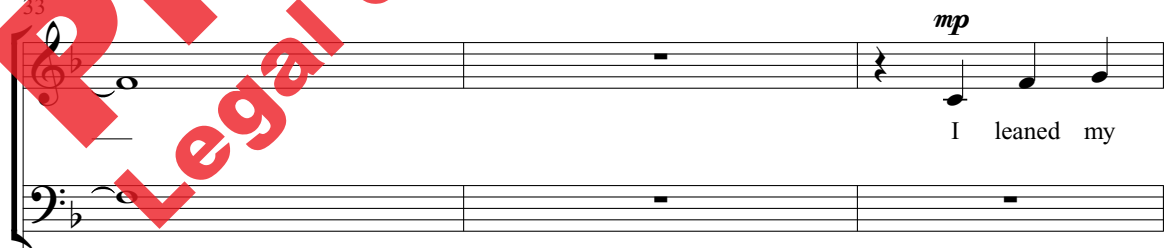
decresc.



33

I leaned my

mp



36

back *mp* a - gainst an

I leaned my back a - gainst an oak,

39

oak, think - ing it was a might - y

think - ing it was a might - y

42

tree. *mf* But first it bent

44

mf

45

and then it broke. So did my

48

love prove false to

f *mp*

f *mp*

51

me.

cresc. *cresc.*

cresc.

54 *f* 55

Oh, love is hand - some, _____ and love is

f

57

kind, bright as a jew - el, a

60

jewel when it is new. _____ But love grows *mp*

mp

63

mp

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

66

p

rit.

cold _____ and fades a way _____
 _____ and fades a - way _____

69

a tempo

like morn - ing dew. _____ Oo. _____
 _____ like morn - ing dew. _____

72

Musical score for measures 72-74. The vocal line consists of a half note followed by a quarter note, then a half note with a slur over it. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a bass line with quarter notes and half notes.

75

Musical score for measures 75-76. The vocal line continues with a half note and a quarter note, then a half note with a slur over it. The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a bass line with quarter notes and half notes.

78

Musical score for measure 78. The vocal line includes the lyrics "The wa - ter is wide." with a final note on a whole note. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a bass line with quarter notes and half notes.

Musical score for the final section of the page. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a bass line with quarter notes and half notes. Dynamics markings include *slowly*, *pp*, and *pp*.