

THE WATER IS WIDE

American Folk Song
Arranged by MARK HAYES

Flowing (♩ = ca. 66)

mp

The first system of music consists of three staves. The top staff is the vocal line, starting with a whole rest for three measures, followed by a quarter rest and a quarter note G4, then eighth notes A4, B4, C5, and D5. The lyrics "The wa-ter is" are written below the notes. The middle and bottom staves are the piano accompaniment, with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic marking. The piano part features a steady eighth-note accompaniment in the right hand and a similar pattern in the left hand.

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The second system of music consists of three staves. The vocal line begins with a whole rest, then a quarter note G4, followed by eighth notes A4, B4, C5, and D5. The lyrics "wide, I can-not cross o'er. And nei-ther have" are written below. The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note pattern as in the first system.

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The third system of music consists of three staves. The vocal line starts with a whole note G4, followed by eighth notes A4, B4, C5, and D5. The lyrics "I the wings to _ fly. Build me a" are written below. The piano accompaniment continues with the eighth-note pattern, ending with a fermata over the final notes.

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13 *mf*

boat _____ that can car - ry two, And both shall

17 *mp*

row, my true love and I. _____

21 *mf* 23

A ship there is and she sails the

25

seas. She's la - den deep, _____ as deep can _

29

be; But not so deep _____ as the love I'm

33

in, And I know not if I sink or

37

swim. I leaned my back _____ a - gainst a young

41

oak, Think-ing he were _____ a trust - y

45 *f*

tree; But first he bend ed and then he

49 *mf*

broke; Thus did my love — prove false to me.

54 *mp* 57

O love is hand — some and love is

59

fine, Bright as a jewel — when first it's — new;

64 *mf*

But love grows old _____ and wax - es cold

68 *mp* *rall.*

And fades a - way _____ like the morn - ing dew,

72 *a tempo* *molto rit.* *p a tempo*

And fades a - way _____ like the morn - ing dew. _____

76 *rit.*

rit. *pp* *8va*