

Commissioned by the Knox College Choir - Galesburg, IL
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Take Me to the Water

For SATB and Piano*

Performance Time: Approx. 3:45

Words and Music by
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Additional Lyrics from
African-American Spirituals

With a rhythmic bounce ($\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 80$)

Piano

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Soprano
Alto *mf*
Tenor
Bass *mf*

Take me to the wa - ter. Take me to the sea.
Take me. Take me,

3

Unis. S/A

Take me to the riv - er so that my spir - it can be free... Gon-na
so that my spir - it can be free...

† All open octaves can be played 8vb



Unis. S/A

lay my bur - dens down, down by the riv - er - side. Gon-na

Down by, down by

Soprano
Alto
Oh,

wade in the wa - ter, the wa - ter that flows both deep and wide.

Tenor
Bass
the wa - ter that flows both deep and wide.

f Δ Δ Δ Δ Δ Δ Sop. div. Soprano
Alto

take me, take me, take me to the wa - ter.

Tenor

Bass *mp*

1. Gon-na
2. Gon-na

f

13

Down by the riv - er - side.

lay down my bur - den, down by the riv - er - side. Down
lay down my sword and shield, down by the riv - er - side. Down

mp *cresc.*

13

mf cresc. *f*

Down by the riv - er - side. Down by the riv - er - side.

by the riv - er - side. Down by the riv - er - side. Gon-na
by the riv - er - side. Down by the riv - er - side. Gon-na

mf *cresc.* *f* *mp*

15

cresc.

Down by the riv - er - side. Oh,

lay down my bur - den, down by the riv - er - side. Oh,
lay down my sword and shield, down by the riv - er - side. Oh,

mp *cresc.*

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Soprano *f* Sop. div.
 Alto
 Tenor *f*
 Bass

take me, take me, take me to the wa - ter.

19

21 Soprano
 Alto
 Tenor
 Bass *mp*

p
 Wade in the, wade in the, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren.
 Wade in the wa - ter.

21

Wade in the, wade in the, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren.
 Wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren.

23

Wade in the, wade in the, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren.

Wade in the wa - ter.

mf God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter. *cresc.*

mf God's a - gon - na trou - ble the wa - ter. *cresc.*

f Soprano *f* Oh, oh, oh!

f Alto

f Tenor

f Bass

30

Take me to the wa - ter! Take me to the sea!

30

Take me to the wa - ter! Set my spir - it free! Oh! —

32

Take me to the wa - ter! Take me to the sea!

simile

Wade! Wade in the

simile

34

Take me to the wa - ter! Set my spir - it free!

Oh! 9

wa - ter, chil - dren and set my spir - it free! Oh!

36

Take me to the wa - ter!

simile
Wade!

Unis. b^{A}

Down by the riv - er - side. Down by the riv - er - side.

38

Take me to the sea!

Wade in the

Down by the riv - er - side. Down by the riv - er - side.

39

Take me to the wa - ter! Set my spir-it free! Oh! —

wa - ter, chil - dren and set my spir-it free! Oh! —

Down by the riv-er-side. Down by the ri-ver-side, I'll set my spir-it free! Oh! —

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Sop. div. Take me, take me, take me to the wa - ter! Oh! —

Unis.

42

Sop. div. Take me, take me, take me to the wa - ter! Oh! —

Unis.

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