

For VLW, June 8, 2022

The Water is Wide

Stanza 1: Traditional
Stanzas 2 and 3: LP

WALY WALY
Setting by Lowell Prescott

*The water is wide, I cannot cross o'er, and neither have I wings to fly.
Give me a boat that can carry two and I shall row, my love and I.*

*The river flows with a current strong and we must follow round its bend.
So we know not what may lie ahead, or where our journey meets its end*

*May love be long, may love grow wide, may love be like the river deep.
And may this boat always carry two, that we our love may ever keep.*

Flowing ♩ = 80

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features five staves: Voice, Piano*, Violin**, and Bass. The piano part includes a dynamic marking of *mp*. The violin and bass parts also include *mp* markings. The score begins with a tempo marking of **Flowing** and a quarter note equal to 80 beats. The lyrics are: "The water is wide, I cannot cross o'er, and neither have I wings to fly. Give me a boat that can carry two and I shall row, my love and I. The river flows with a current strong and we must follow round its bend. So we know not what may lie ahead, or where our journey meets its end. May love be long, may love grow wide, may love be like the river deep. And may this boat always carry two, that we our love may ever keep." A section starting at measure 8 is marked *poco rit.* and **A** *a tempo*. The score includes various musical notations such as rests, notes, and dynamic markings.

* Cue notes in the piano part are to be played only if the corresponding instrumental parts are not used.

** Or other C instrument.

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wings to fly. Give me a boat that can car-ry two and I shall

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row, my love and I. *mf* The riv - er

mf *mf* *mf* *p espress. dolce*

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flows with a cur-rent strong and we must fol - low round its

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bend. _____ So we know not _____ what may lie a - head, _____ or where our

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jour - ney meets its end.

C

May love be long, _____ may love grow wide, _____ may love be like _____

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the riv - er deep. And may this boat al - ways car - ry two,

(8va)

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that we our love may ev - er keep.

molto rit. *a tempo meno mosso*

p *pp* *p* *p*

(8va)

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