

Folk Songs for Solo Singers, Vol. 2

14 Folk Songs Arranged for Solo Voice and Piano...
For Recitals, Concerts and Contests

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THE WATER IS WIDE

American Folk Song
Arranged by MARK HAYES

Flowing (♩ = ca. 66) *mp*

The wa - ter is

mp

Detailed description: This system contains the first four measures of the piece. The vocal line begins with a whole rest in the first measure, followed by a quarter rest in the second, and then the lyrics 'The wa - ter is' starting in the third measure. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a similar pattern in the left hand, both in a key of D major.

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wide, I can-not cross o'er. And nei-ther have

Detailed description: This system contains measures 5 through 8. The vocal line continues with the lyrics 'wide, I can-not cross o'er. And nei-ther have'. The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note pattern as in the first system.

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I the wings to _ fly. Build me a

Detailed description: This system contains measures 9 through 12. The vocal line continues with the lyrics 'I the wings to _ fly. Build me a'. The piano accompaniment continues with the same eighth-note pattern. There are some slurs and accents in the piano part, particularly in the final measure.