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The Water is Wide



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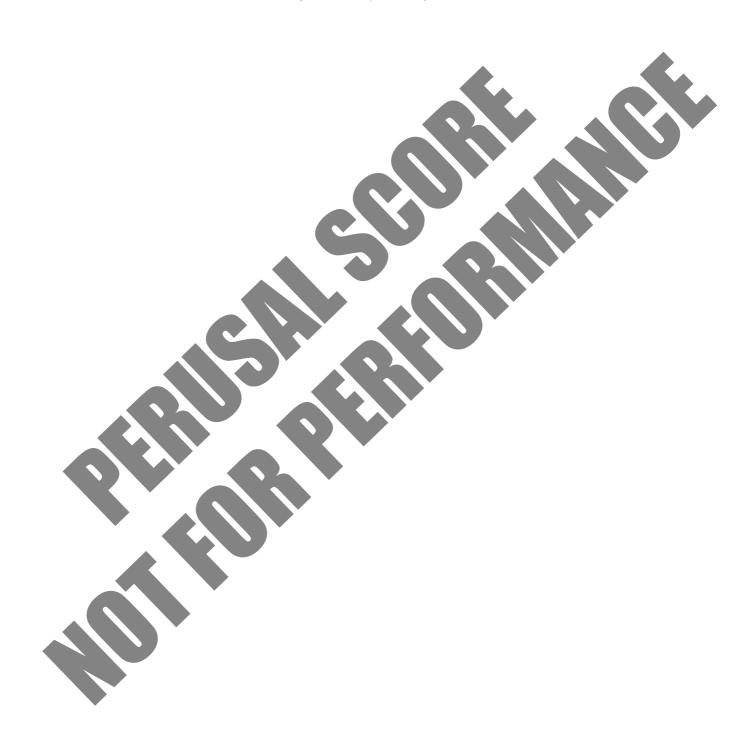
Arranged and harmonized by Stef Conner (b. 1983)

Words and melody Trad. (Roud 87)

For SSATB (or SAATB) choir or solo-voice ensemble

Duration c. 3'40"

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Full score (without piano reduction)

Duration: c. 3 minutes and 40 seconds

For choir or solo-voice ensemble: Soprano (1)

Soprano 2 (or Alto 1)

Alto (2) Tenor Bass

Text: traditional, adapted by Stef Conner

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

A ship there is and she sails the sea, She's loaded deep as deep can be, But not so deep as the love I'm in, I know not if I sink or swim.

I leaned my back against an oak, Thinking it was a trusty tree, But first it bowed and then it broke, So did my love prove false to me.

O, love be handsome, love be kind, Bright as a jewel while it is new, But love grows old and waxes cold, And fades away like morning dew.

'Tis not the frost that freezes fell, Nor blowing snow's inclemency, 'Tis not such cold that makes me cry, But my love's heart grown cold to me.

When cockle shells turn silver bells, And mussels grown on every tree, When roses bloom in winter's gloom, Then will my love come back to me, Then will my love come back to me.

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for S(S/A)ATB voices a cappella

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