

At the River

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And
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whose love for music and ministry
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Freely

Soloist

mp Shall - we ga- ther, ga- ther at the ri- - ver? Shall - we ga- ther with the

Choir

Piano

Solo

saints a- bove? Shall - we ga- ther, ga- ther at the riv- er? Ga- ther for to sing - of

Choir

Pno

Solo

God's great love. Sin- ners all a- round the feast- ing ta- - ble. Glad- ly God's good

Choir

Pno

12 14

Solo
 grace we prove. Shall - we ga- ther, ga- ther at the ri- - ver? Ga- ther for to sing - of

Choir

Pno

16 18 19

Moderato

Solo
 God's great love. S/A Shall - we ga- ther, ga-

Choir
 T/B Hmm. T/B Sing,

Pno
p

20 22

Solo
 ther at the ri- - ver? Shall - we ga- ther with the saints a- bove?

Choir
 Sing, Sing, saints a- bove.

Pno

24

Solo: Shall - we ga- ther, ga- ther at the riv- er? Ga- ther for to sing - of

Choir: Hmm. Hmm. For to sing of

Pno

26

28

Solo: God's great love. *mf* Sin- ners all a- round the feast- ing ta- - ble.

Choir: God's great love. Sin- ners all a- round the feast- ing ta- - ble.

Pno: *mf* *mf*

Approx. 2 beats

A Tempo

30

Solo: Glad- ly God's good grace we prove. Shall - we ga- ther, ga-

Choir: Glad- ly God's good grace we prove. Hmm.

Pno: *p* *p*

32 34

Solo
ther at the ri - ver? Ga - ther for to sing - of God's great love.

Choir
Hmm. For to sing of God's great love.

Pno
mf

36 38

Solo

Choir
Sing the - love that made the moun - tains,

Pno
mf

40

Solo

Choir
shim - ring - snow capped in the sun. Ri - vers - roar - ing

Pno
mf

42 44

Solo

Choir

twist ing turn - - ing 'till in - to the sea they run. Sing the - love that

Pno

f

46 48

Solo

Choir

placed the in - - fant, rest - ing - in her moth - er's arms,

Pno

f

50 52

Solo

Choir

graced the earth with glades and for - ests, la - den with a mill - ion

Pno

55

54

56

Solo

Choir

Pno

(immediately to 'm')

charms.

mp

p

Slower - with liberty

Sing the - Love that fa- shioned mu - sic,

59

58

Solo

Choir

Pno

thus to - heal the hard- est heart,

Work and - wa- ter

p

A Tempo

A Tempo

62

60

Solo

Choir

Pno

dance and di- - monds, air and az- ure, ants and art.

(simile through m.70)

64

Solo

Choir

Sing the - love that gave the pro - phets speech and - strength be-

Pno

mf

66

68

Solo

Choir

yond their 'ken.' Love that calls us to re- pent- ance time and time and

Pno

f

70

71

72

Solo

Choir

yet a- gain. Shall - we ga- ther, ga- ther at the ri - ver?

Pno

p

74

Solo
 Shall - we ga- ther with the saints a- bove? Shall - we ga- ther, ga-

Choir
 Hmm. saints a- bove. Hmm.

Pno
p

76

78

Solo
 ther at the riv- er? Ga- ther for to sing - of God's great love.

Choir
 Hmm. For to sing of God's great love.

Pno

80

Approx. 2 beats A Tempo

Solo
 Sin- ners all a- round the feast- ing ta- - ble. Glad- ly God's good

Choir
 Sin- ners all a- round the feast- ing ta- - ble. Glad- ly God's good

Pno
 Approx. 2 beats

82 84

Solo
 grace we prove. Shall - we ga- ther, ga- ther at the ri- - ver?

Choir
 grace we prove. Hmm. Hmm.

Pno
 A Tempo *p*

86 88

Solo
 Ga- ther for to sing - of God's great love.

Choir
 For to sing of God's great love.

Pno
 Legato *mp*

89 Soloist and Men's Chorus

90

Solo
mf Sing the love that knows our grie- ving,

Men only - TTBB - thru m.118

Choir
 Hmm.

Pno
mp

92 94

Solo

Through the long and tedious

Choir

That knows our grief. Hmm.

Pno

96

Solo

night. Sing the

Choir

In the night.

Pno

98 100

Solo

love that brings re- lie- ving, like the

Choir

Hmm.

Pno

102 104

Solo
mor- ning's heal- ing - light. -

Choir
The mor- ning light, the mor- ning

Pno

106 108

Solo
Sing the love that feels our sor- - ow,

Choir
light. Hmm. Knows our

Pno

110

Solo
Bears our weep- ing, tastes our tears, - -

Choir
weep- ing and tears.

Pno

112 114

Solo

Love that will not leave us

Choir

Pno

116

Solo

friend - less, Ev - en

Choir

Will not leave us friend -

Pno

118 119 120

Solo

when no help seems near. **All**

Choir

less. **S/A** Sing the Love of God Al - migh - ty, **T/B**

p

Pno

p poco crescendo...

122 124

Solo

Choir

now dis-tilled in hu-man frame.

mp

Pno

mp poco crescendo...

126 128

Solo

Choir

Hum-bly born and liv-ing sim-ply, Je-sus was his

mf *f*

Pno

mf *f*

130

Solo

Choir

giv-en name. Lamb and Li-on source and Sav-iour,

mf

Pno

mf

132 134

Solo

Choir

voice and vi- sion, word and way, King and call- ing,

Pno

f

136 138

Solo

Choir

bridge and bro- ther, life and light, and dawn, and day.

Pno

pp

140 141 142

Solo

mp Shall - we ga- ther, ga- ther at the ri - ver?

Choir

Ri- ver

p

Pno

p

144

Solo
Shall - we ga- ther with the saints a- bove? Shall - we ga- ther, ga-

Choir
sing, saints a- bove, Sing,

Pno

146

Solo
ther at the riv- er? Ga- ther for to sing - of God's great love.

Choir
ri- ver, for to sing of God's great love.

Pno

150

Solo
Sin- ners all a- round the feast- ing ta- - ble. Glad- ly God's good

Choir
Sin- ners all a- round the feast- ing ta- - ble. Glad- ly God's good

Pno

mp

Approx. 2 beats A Tempo

Approx. 2 beats

152 154

Solo
grace we prove. Shall - we ga- ther, ga- ther at the ri - ver?

Choir
grace we prove. Hmm. Hmm.

Pno
A Tempo *p*

156 157

Solo
Ga- ther for to sing - of God's great love.

Choir
For to sing of God's great love.

Pno
f Gospel Style ♩ = 100

158 160

Solo

Choir

Pno

161 162

Solo *f* Sing the Love that found us sin-ners,

Choir Oh yeah! We'll

Pno *mf*

164

Solo bound by lies or guilt or - pride,

Choir sing! Guilt or pride.

Pno

166

Solo met us in the heal- ing wa- ter,

Choir Oh yeah! We'll

Pno

168

Solo: fed us by the ri- ver- side.

Choir: sing! Ri- ver- side.

Pno

169

170

Solo: Sing that Love which now in- vites us,

Choir: We'll sing! That

Pno

172

172

Solo: to the feast that ne- ver ends.

Choir: love. Ne- ver ends.

Pno

174

174

Solo
Down the a- ges now and ev- er,

Choir
Oh yes! Oh

Pno

176

Solo
sing ing feast- ing, fam- ly friends.

Choir
sing! Fam- 'ly, friends.

Pno

178

Solo
Down the a- ges now and ev- er,

Choir
We'll sing!

Pno

180 182

Solo
sing- ing, feast- ing, fam- 'ly, friends.

Choir
Ne- ver ends. Fam- 'ly, friends.

Pno
f *ff*

183 + Congregation

184

Solo
Yes, we'll ga- ther at the ri-

Choir
Yes, we'll ga- ther at the, Yes, we'll ga- ther,

Pno
f

186 188

Solo
ver? The beau- ti- ful, the beau- ti- ful, the

Choir
at the ri- ver. Beau- ti- ful the beau- ti- ful, the

Pno

190

Solo
ri- ver. Ga- ther with the

Choir
Sing the love that, lives for- ev- er. Ga- ther with the

Pno

192 194

Solo
saints - at the ri- ver, that

Choir
saints - at the ta- ble by the flow- ing ri- ver.

Pno

196 198

Solo
flows from the throne of - God.

Choir
Flows from the throne of - God. Flows

Pno
mf *mp*

200 202

Solo

Choir

Pno

from the - throne of - God. From the throne of

204 206

Solo

Choir

Pno

God, from the throne of God, of

p
Legato

207

208

Solo

Choir

Pno

Shall - we ga- ther, ga- ther at the ri- - ver? Shall - we ga- ther with the

God. Ri- ver, Sing,

210 212

Solo
saints a- bove? Shall - we ga- ther, ga- ther at the riv- er?

Choir
saints a- bove. Sing, ri- ver,

Pno

214 216

Solo
Ga- ther for to sing - of God's great love.

Choir
for to sing of God's great love.

Pno

218

Solo

Choir

Pno

pp

FINE