

For the Jacksonville Children's Chorus, Jacksonville, FL  
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# Take Me to the Water

For SSAA\* and Piano

Duration: ca. 3:45

Words and Music by  
**ROLLO DILWORTH**  
Additional Lyrics from  
African-American Spirituals

With a rhythmic bounce (♩ = ca. 80)

Piano

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Soprano I *mf*  
Take me to the wa - ter. Take me to the sea.

Soprano II *mf*  
Take me. \_\_\_\_\_ Take me, \_\_\_\_\_

Alto I *mf*  
Alto II  
Take me to the wa - ter. Take me to the sea.

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†All open octaves can be played *δvb*

\*Available separately:  
SATB, SSAA



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

— so that my spir - it can be free. —

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

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

Down by, — down by —

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

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TAKE ME TO THE WATER - SSAA

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

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

TAKE ME TO THE WATER - SSAA



Down by the riv - er - side.

*mf*

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

Down by the riv - er - side.

*mp*

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*mf* Down by the riv - er - side. *f* Down by the riv - er - side.

by \_\_\_\_\_ the riv - er - side. *f* Down by \_\_\_\_\_ the riv - er - side. *mp* Gon - na  
Gon - na

*mf* Down by the riv - er - side. *f* Down by the riv - er - side.

*mf* *f*

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TAKE ME TO THE WATER - SSAA

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*

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*f* take me, take me, take me to the wa - ter. *Back to p. 3*

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

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

*f* *Back to p. 3*

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TAKE ME TO THE WATER - SSAA

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

Soprano II *p*  
Alto I  
Wade in the, wade in the, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren.

Alto II *mp*  
Wade in the wa - ter.

*mp*

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

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

Wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren.

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

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

Wade in the wa - ter.

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*mf* God's a-gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. *f* Oh, oh, oh!

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

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

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

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30 Soprano I

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

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

34 Soprano I

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

Alto / II Unis.  
Wade, wade in the

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

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

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

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

Alto I Unis. *sim.*

Alto II Wade, wade in the

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

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

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

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TAKE ME TO THE WATER - SSAA

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Take me, take me, take me to the wa - ter! Oh! \_\_\_

Take me, take me, take me to the wa - ter! Oh! \_\_\_

Take me, take me, take me to the wa - ter! Oh! \_\_\_

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Take me, take me, take me to the wa - ter!

Take me, take me, take me to the wa - ter!

Take me, take me, take me to the wa - ter!

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