Take Me to the Water

For the Jacksonville Children's Chorus, Jacksonville, FL
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Additional Lyrics from
African-American Spirituals

For SSAA* and Piano
Duration: ca. 3:45

With a rhythmic bounce \( \frac{4}{4} \) ca. 80

Piano

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

Take me._._._._._._._._.

Take me._._._._._._._._._.

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

†All open octaves can be played 8vb

*Available separately:
SATB, SSAA

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Take me to the river so that my spirit can be free.

Gonna

Take me to the river so that my spirit can be free.

Gonna

lay my burdens down, down by the river-side.

Gonna

Down by, down by

lay my burdens down, down by the river-side.

Gonna

TAKES ME TO THE WATER - SSAA
wade in the water, the water that flows both deep and wide. Oh,

the water that flows both deep and wide. Oh,

wade in the water, the water that flows both deep and wide. Oh,

TAKE ME TO THE WATER – SSAA
Down by the riverside.

lay down my burden, down by the riverside. Down
lay down my sword and shield,
Down by the river side. Oh,
lay down my burden, down by the river side. Oh,
lay down my sword and shield,

Down by the river side. Oh,

take me, take me, take me to the water.

 TAKE ME TO THE WATER – SSAA
Soprano I
Wade in the, wade in the, wade in the water, children.

Soprano II
Alto I
Wade in the, wade in the, wade in the water, children.

Alto II
Wade in the water.

Wade in the, wade in the, wade in the water, children.

Wade in the, wade in the, wade in the water, children.

Wade in the water, children.

TAKE ME TO THE WATER - SSAA
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.

mf

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

TAKE ME TO THE WATER – SSAA
Take me to the water! Take me to the seal!

Take me to the water! Set my spirit free! Oh!

Wade... wade in the water, children and set my spirit free! Oh!

TAKEN TO THE WATER - SSAA
Take me to the water! Take me to the sea!


Wade, wade in the water, children and set my spirit free! Oh!

[Music notation]
Take me, take me, take me to the water! Oh!

Take me, take me, take me to the water! Oh!

Take me, take me, take me to the water! Oh!

Take me, take me, take me to the water!

Take me, take me, take me to the water!

Take me, take me, take me to the water!

TAKE ME TO THE WATER – SSAA