CHORAL SCORE

Water Dance (#3 from Midnight Sun Songs)

for youth choir and piano trio

words and melodies by Leandra Bjornson, Savannah Beaulieu, Tyson Mistaken-Chief, Aimee Jacobs, Kristal Gambler, Elizabeth Kikoak, and Amanda Grace Butler

music and arrangement by Jeffrey Ryan

Northern Arts and Cultural Centre and the Gryphon Trio

Programme Note:

For the 2014/15 season, the Gryphon Trio partnered with the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre for a far-reaching instalment of the Trio's *Listen Up!* project. Students in six communities throughout Canada's Northwest Territories wrote poetry around the theme of The Elements, then worked with composers Jeffrey Ryan and Carmen Braden to develop melodies for their poetry. These melodies became the source material for *Midnight Sun Songs*, a collection of six songs for youth choir and piano trio composed and arranged by Jeffrey Ryan. *Midnight Sun Songs* received its world premiere in May 2015 at Yellowknife's Northern Arts and Cultural Centre, performed by a 70-voice youth choir comprised of students from the six participating communities, accompanied by the Gryphon Trio and conducted by Rob Kapilow.

Water Dance is the third song of the collection, and explores Water through the many ways it manifests in our lives.

Performance Note:

Water Dance may be performed separately, or in combination with any or all of the other *Midnight Sun Songs*.

WATER DANCE

Water can be as cold as the Arctic ice Or as warm as a summer day

Water is clear Smells like nothing Could sound like waves Makes you feel fresh But it tastes like nothing

Water is me Water comes out of my eyes Water is like glass Water is my drink Water is me

I can see it hit the bottom and hear it splash
I feel calm when the water falls and the liquid flows

Shimmering water, sparkling in the sun Freezing are your toes You soon start to slip, laughing with your friends Soon we are warm, memories will last

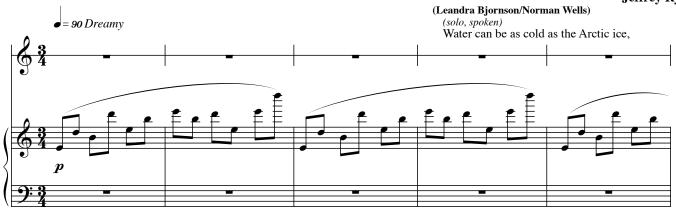
Rivers run to seas Run to oceans, run to waterfalls Flowing gracefully, flowing freely, on and on

Dancing past a forest River flowing, river roaring Dancing to the waterfall, on and on

Water Dance

(#3 from Midnight Sun Songs)

words and melodies by Leandra Bjornson, Savannah Beaulieu, Tyson Mistaken-Chief, Aimee Jacobs, Kristal Gambler, Elizabeth Kikoak, and Amanda Grace Butler music and arrangement by Jeffrey Ryan



→ hold through m. 32

