

# 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

commissioned by  
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



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♩ = 90 *Dreamy*

(Leandra Bjornson/Norman Wells)

(solo, spoken)

Water can be as cold as the Arctic ice,

*p*

→ hold through m. 32



6 or as warm as a summer day. **A**

*divisi, sung* *p* (Savannah Beaulieu/Inuvik)

Wa-ter is clear. Smells like no-thing.



11 Could sound like waves. Makes you feel fresh. But it tastes like no - thing. —

15 **B** (Tyson Mistaken-Chief/Inuvik)  
*mp*

Wa - ter is me.

*p sempre*

Wa-ter is clear. Smells like no-thing. Could sound like waves. Makes you feel fresh.

19 *mp*

Wa - ter comes out of my eyes.

But it tastes like no - thing. Wa - ter is clear. Smells like no - thing.

23 **C** *mp*

Wa - ter is like glass.

Could sound like waves. Makes you feel fresh. But it tastes like no-thing.

27 *mp*

Wa - ter is my drink.

Wa-ter is clear. Smells like no-thing. Could sound like waves. Makes you feel fresh.



31 *poco rit.* ----- **D** *a tempo*

Wa - ter is me.

But it tastes like no-thing. —



(Aimee Jacobs/Hay River)

37 *unis.* *mf*

I can see it hit the bot - tom and hear it splash.

41 **E**

I feel calm when the wa-ter falls and the

(Kristal Gambler/Elizabeth Kikoak/Fort Smith)

45 **F** Warmly *mf*

li- quid flows. Shim- mer- ing wa- ter,

*mf*

*con ped. ad lib.*

50

spark - ling in the sun. Freez - ing are your toes. You soon start to

55 **G** *mp*

slip, laugh - ing with your friends. Soon we are warm.

*mp sub.*



*molto rit.* ----- **H** *a tempo*

60 *p*

Me-mo-ries will last.

60 *p*

*mp legato sempre*

(Amanda Grace Butler/Yellowknife)

66 *mf*

Ri-vers run to seas. — Run to o - ceans, run to wa - ter - falls.

66

70 *mf*

Flow-ing grace - ful - ly, flow-ing free - ly. On and on. Danc-ing past a

70

*sonorous*

75

for - est. Ri - ver flow - ing, ri - ver roar - ing. Danc-ing to the

75

79 **K** *mp*

wa-ter-fall. On and on. Mm

84 *mf*

Mm Mm On and on.

89 **L** *mp*

Mm Mm

94 *mf* M *div. mp* On and on.

Mm \_\_\_\_\_ On and on. On and on.

94 *p sub.*



99 On and on. On and on. On and on. *p* On and on. On and on.

On and on. On and on. On and on. *p* On and on. On and on.

99 *mf let fade*

(no pedal)



104 On and on. On and on. On and on. *airy sound* ----- *whispered* -----

On and on. On and on. On and on. *airy sound* ----- *whispered* -----

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