

Waiti for Fresh Water

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Music by Leon Gray

Quite fast, 1 per bar, not dragged

poco rall.

A

Verses:
a tempo

Soprano
Alto

Tenor
Bass

Piano

mp 1. Drift-ing ri-ver: fin-gers
mf 2. Lake that glist-ens 'neath the

S
A

T
B

Pno.

9

to the sea; Much is owed for all you grant for free.
moun-tain's skirt: Do e-nough know just how much you hurt?

S
A

T
B

Pno.

17

Vein of wa-ter, fee-ding stream and lake; To give your
Still, to us, you give and you pro-vide, May we

B *a tempo*

25 *rall.*

S
A

life love for those who on - ly in - take. *mf* More than the
love the life you hold in - side. *f* More than the

T
B

Pno.

33

S
A

stream creek or that ran - ver ges, That am - bles a - long the
creek that ran ges, And si - lent - ly crawls, so

T
B

Pno.

41

S
A

val lone - ley. Blood of the land: life - gi -
lone - ly. Life to all friends and stran -

T
B

Pno.

poco rall.

48

S
A

ver! _____ Spark-ling be - neath _____ Wa - i - tī. _____
gers; _____ Spark-ling be - neath _____ Wa - i - tī. _____

T
B

Pno.

48

55

1. 2. *molto rall.* **Lento**, *p*

S
A

Wa - i - tī. _____

T
B

Pno.

55

p

The image shows a musical score for the song 'Waiti'. It is arranged for Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), Bass (B), and Piano (Pno.). The score is divided into two systems. The first system starts at measure 48 and ends at measure 54. The second system starts at measure 55 and ends at measure 61. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The tempo is marked 'poco rall.' at the beginning and 'Lento' at measure 55. Dynamics include 'p' (piano) and 'molto rall.' (very slow). The lyrics are: 'ver! gers; Spark-ling be - neath Wa - i - tī. Spark-ling be - neath Wa - i - tī. Wa - i - tī.' The piano accompaniment features a steady rhythmic flow with chords and moving lines in both hands.

Performance notes:

A slow speed should never allow the piece to drag. A steady rhythmic flow will help create impact for an audience.

Interpret dynamics freely, deciding what best works for your group's performance.

Waiti is the star associated with fresh water, and the song urges people to protect this resource for all the life giving it gives. The unusual phrase length is intended to draw attention, just as we should all be drawn to give attention to our water ways and the creatures within them.