

# Waitā

For Sea Water

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Andante tranquillo c. 65

Voice

Piano

**A**

*mp*

Wai - tā: Glim-mer bright with a mor-ning shim-mer. Wai - tā: Guar-dian of

6 *poco rit.* *a tempo*

all li-ving in the tide. Wai-tā: War-der, seas keep-ing to your or - der

**B** *poco rit.*

9 Blaz-ing on, pro-TECT-ing the kai that they pro-VIDE.

12 *a tempo*  
*mf*  
 Wai - tā: Se - er, cham - pion of wa - ters ne - ar. Wai - tā: Hug - ging the

15  
 beach and the roc - ky coast Wai - tā: Re - turn - ing a - gain at the win - ter's yearn - ing,

18 *poco rit.* **C** *a tempo*  
*f*  
 Ten - ding to the o - ceans whose life is need - ed most. Eve - ry oc - ean, eve - ry

21  
 sea, and all there - in, Pros - per in bright Wai - tā's stare. In -

24 *mf*

debt - ed for its hand, are those who tend the land And, for its great do-main, show

24 *mp*

27 *poco rit.* **D** *a tempo*

care. Wai - tā: Shi-ning waves, to its glow, in-clin-ing.

27 *f* *mf*

30 Wai - tā: Vi - tal light for the brin - y air. Wai - tā: Se - ver

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33 *rallentando*

love to the o-ceans, ne - ver. In re - turn, the pro - mise: a boun-ty all can share.

33

**E***meno mosso*

*mp*

Here be - low on land, to du - ty all are called: Live to serve the o - cean,

36

*p*

**F***cresc.*

free. Take, but al - ways then re - turn much more, So, all can

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*cresc.*

earn a fu - ture for the sea. Ser - ving, by tend - ing

42

*f* *allargando*

42

*f*

for Wai - tā is ne - ver - end - ing! Wai - tā: Ur - ges

45

*molto rall.* **G** *tempo primo*, *ff*

45

*f*

48

all to pro-TECT sea's sur-ges. Wai - tā: Whe-ther the waves are warm or cold.

51

Wai - tā: Lo-yal, no-one ought e - ver spo - il Realms that should be pre-cious:

54

*molto rall.* **H** *molto meno mosso*

Seas and all they hold. Wai - tā: Guide and guar-dian of seas and all they hold.

57

*rallentando*