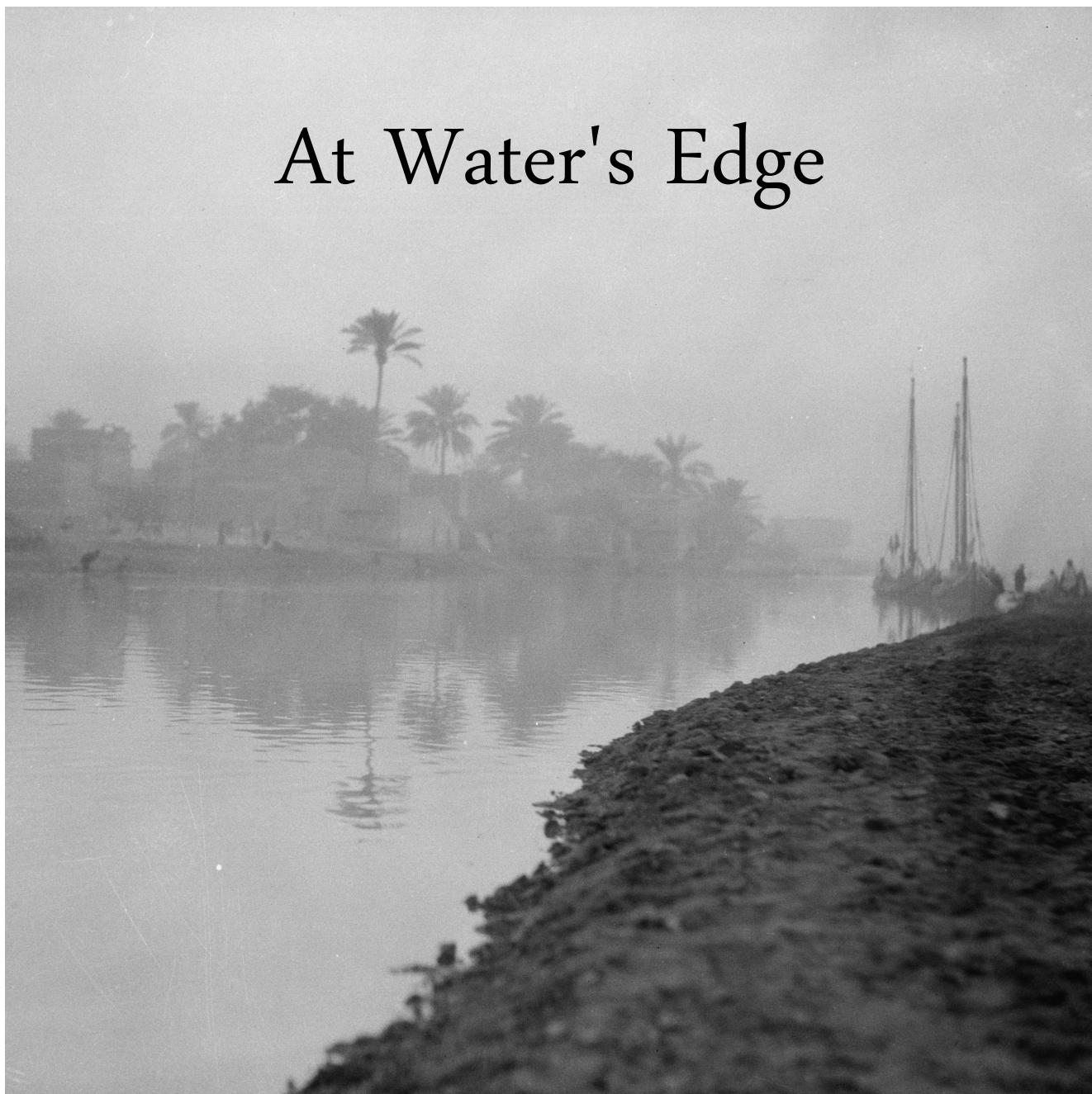


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for a cappella SATB chamber choir

4.5 min

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At water's edge we sat, and we wept,
and we remembered home.
We hung up our lyres in willow trees.
The squanderers laid waste to us
and bid us, "Sing us one of your songs of home."
But how can we sing those songs in this place,
the Lord's song here in this strange place?
If I forget home,
let my hands wither
and forget how to play my lyre.
If I forget home,
may my tongue cleave to my mouth
and silence my song.

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Moderato $\text{♩} = 60$

SOPRANO *p*
At wat - er's_ edge_ we sat

ALTO *p*
At wat - er's_ edge we sat, we sat,

TENOR *p*
At wat - er's_ edge we

BASS *p*
At wat - er's_ edge we

Piano Reduction (rehearsal only) *p*

8

S. *p*
and we wept_ and we re-mem - bered our home.

A. *p*
_ and we wept, and we re-mem - bered our home.

T. *p*
sat, and we wept, and we re-mem - bered, re-mem - bered our

B. *p*
sat, and we wept, and we re-mem-bered home.

Red. *p*

A

17

S. *p* We hung up our lyres, hid - ing them in

A. We hung up our lyres, hid - ing them in

T. *p* home. We hung up our lyres, hid - ing them in

B. *p* Hid - ing them in

Red.

25

S. wil-low trees. And we wept and re-mem - bered our home.

A. wil-low trees. And we wept and re-mem - bered our home.

T. *p* wil - low trees. And we re - mem - bered our home, our

B. *p* wil - low trees. And we re - mem - bered our home.

Red.

B

33

mf

S. The squan - der - ers laid waste to us and

mf

A. The squan - der - ers laid waste to us and

mf

T. home. The squand - er - ers laid waste to us, laid waste and

mf

B. The squand - er - ers laid waste to us, laid waste and

Red.

C

Cheerfully ♩.=60

41

f (♩.=60)

S. bid us, "Sing us one of your songs of home, sing us one of your

f

A. bid us, "Sing us one of your songs of home,

f

T. bid us, "Sing us

f

B. bid us, "Sing us one of your songs of home,

Red.

46

S. songs of home, songs of home, sing us one of your songs of home,

A. — sing us one of your songs, one of your songs, songs of home,

T. one of your songs of home, sing us one of your songs, sing us one of your

B. sing us one of your songs of home, sing us one of your songs of home, your

Red.

50

S. *mf* sing us one of your songs of home, *mp* one of your songs of home, *p* one of your

A. *mf* sing us one of your songs of home, *mp* songs of home, *p* sing one of your

T. *mf* songs of home, *mp* one of your songs of home, *p* one of your songs

B. *mf* songs of home, *mp* one of your songs, *p* one of your songs

Red.

D **Tempo Primo**
(♩.=♩)
p

55

S. songs of home." — But how can we sing those songs — in this place, —

A. songs of home." — But how can we sing those songs in this place, —

T. — of home." — But how can we sing those songs —

B. — of home." — But how, — but

Red.

64

S. — the Lord's — song here in this strange —

A. — this place the Lord's — song here in this strange —

T. in this place, — How can we sing the Lord's song — in this strange —

B. how — can we sing the Lord's song here in this strange —

Red.

E **Meno Mosso** $\text{♩} = 54$

72

S. *p* place? If I for - get home, —

A. *p* place? If I for - get home, —

T. *p* place? If I for - get home, —

B. *p* place? If I for - get home, —

Red. *p*

81

S. *p* let my hands with - er and for - get

A. *p* let my hands with - er and for - get

T. *p* let my hands, with - er and for - get, for - get

B. *p* let my hands with - er and for - get, for -

Red. *p*

H

106

S. to my mouth and si - lence my song, and si - lence

A. to my mouth and si - lence

T. to my mouth and si - lence my song, and si - lence

B. to my mouth and si - lence

Red.

115

S. my song, my song, my song. *rit.* *pp*

A. my song, my song, my song. *pp*

T. my, my song, my song, my song. *pp*

B. my song, my song. *pp*

Red. *pp*