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BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED WATER

for S.A.T.B. voices and piano*

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Performance note: For stylistic authenticity, listen and watch Luther Vandross and Jennifer Holliday on the HBO video “The All-Star Gospel Session” (1987).

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Performance Time: Approx. 5:30

* Also available: SAB D-420

Instrumental Score and Parts LB-308

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9 10 11 12 (unis.) **mp**

down. When you're (unis.) **mp**

B \flat 2 (no 3rd) E \flat 2/B \flat E \flat 2 (no 3rd) E \flat 2/B \flat

f **mf**

A

14 15 16

wea - ry, feel-in' ____ small, when tears are ____

B \flat 2 (no 3rd) E \flat 2/B \flat B \flat 2 (no 3rd) E \flat 2/B \flat

mp

17 18 19

in your eyes ____ I will dry them all;

B \flat 2 (no 3rd) E \flat 2/B \flat B \flat Cm/G B \flat /F E \flat B \flat /D Cm 7

20 21 *grad. cresc.* 22 23

I'm on your side. — *grad. cresc.* Oh, when times get rough —

Bb F/A Gm F F/A F/C Bb F/A

grad. cresc.

24 25 26 *f*

and friends just can't be found, — like a

Gm Bb/F Bb E \flat 2 E \flat Csus C F Bb B \flat 2/D

27 28 29

bridge o - ver trou-bled wa-ter — I will lay me down..

E \flat Dm 7 Cm 7 Cm/Bb Bb Gm 7 Cm 7 D9 D/F \sharp

f

33 34 35 36

I will lay me down.

Chords: Cm7, Ebm6/Gb, Bb, Cm/Bb, Bb, N.C.

37

B

(unis. or solo)*

mf

(div.)

mf

39

Oo— oo hoo—

When you're down and out, when you're on the

Fsus F B♭ Cm/B♭

f

mf

* Tenors can sing melody with basses or bottom harmony part with women. Optional solo continues through m. 59.
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40 

41 

42 

43 

44 

45 

46 

47 

48 

49 50 51

ah Like a
(solo melody over full choir) T. f

and pain is all a - round, —
B.

Gm Bb/F Bb Eb C/E Fsus F Bb Bb/D

52 53 54

bridge o - ver trou - bled wa - ter I will lay me down..

Eb Dm7 Cm7 Cm/Bb Bb Gm7 Cm7 D9 D7/F#

f

55 56 57

Like a bridge o - ver trou - bled wa - ter

Gm Bb Bb/D Eb F/Eb Dm7 Gm7

58

59

60

solo (or Basses)

(end solo)

I'll be your bridge
(unis.) (mel.)

I will lay me down.

Cm⁷ E^bm⁶/G^b B^b B^b/D E^b6 B^b

61

62

63

o'er trou - bled wa - ter, when you're down I will car -
when you're down

solo (or Basses)
(unis.)

64

65

66

ry you like a bridge o'er trou - bled wa - ter, I will lay -

67

68

69

70

me down.

B^b Cm/B^bB^b ↓ E^b6/B^b B^b

(unis. or solo*) **C**

mf

71 Sail on sil - ver girl, 73 sail on — by...

72 Sail on — sil - ver girl, Cm/Bb

E \flat /F F B \flat Cm/Bb

f *mf*

74 — 75 Your time — has come — no breath 76 to shine...

77 sail on by...

B \flat Cm/Bb B \flat

78 All your dreams are on their way. 79 See how they shine...

f

(solo over full choir)

Cm/Bb B \flat Cm/G B \flat /F Eb B \flat /D Cm⁷ B \flat F

f

f

f

f

* Optional solo continues through m. 93.
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80 (solo) 81 82

Oh, if you ev - er need — a friend, —
(unis.) need — a friend.

F/A F/C B♭ B♭/A

83 84 85 (solo melody over full choir)

right be - hind. —
look a-round, — I'm sail - ing ah Like a

Gm B♭/F E♭ C/E Fsus F B♭ B♭/D

86 87 88

bridge o - ver trou-bled — wa - ter — I will ease your mind..

E♭ Dm⁷ Cm⁷ Cm/B♭ B♭ Gm Gm⁷ Cm⁷ D⁹ D/F♯

89 Like a bridge o - ver trou-bled wa - ter

90

91

Gm B♭ B♭/D E♭ F/E♭ Dm⁷ Gm⁷

solo (or Sopranos)
I will ease your mind.

92 93 94 (tutti)
I'll be your bridge
(unis.)

Cm⁷ E♭m⁶/G♭ B♭ Eb E♭ B♭

95 96 97 solo (or Sopranos) (tutti)
o'er trou - bled wa - ter, when you're down, when you're down, I will car-

98 ry you like a bridge 99 o'er trou - bled wa - ter I will lay,-

B♭/D B♭/E♭Fsus

101 cresc. 102 (div.) 103 f cresc. 104 rit. I will lay me down, lay me

F Cm⁷ Fsus F B♭ E♭ 8va Cm⁷ E♭/F

105 ff down. 106 107 108

B♭sus B♭ Cm/B♭ Cm/F Cm/B♭ B♭ 8va

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