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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).

With strength and conviction (♩ = ca. 76)

SOPRANO  
ALTO

1 *f* 2

I'll be your bridge o'er trou - bled wa -

TENOR  
BASS

(unis.) *f* (mel.)

PIANO

With strength and conviction (♩ = ca. 76)

*f*

3 4 *solo (or Altos)* (*tutti*)

ter, when you're down, when you're down, I will car -

5 6 7 8

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

Performance Time: Approx. 5:30

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9 10 11 12 (unis.) *mp*

down. When you're

(unis.) *mp*

Bb2(no 3rd) Eb2/Bb Bb2(no 3rd) Eb2/Bb

A 14 15 16

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

Bb2(no 3rd) Eb2/Bb Bb2(no 3rd) Eb2/Bb

17 18 19

in your eyes I will dry them all;

Bb2(no 3rd) Eb2/Bb Bb Cm/G Bb/F Eb Bb/D Cm7

20 21 *grad. cresc.* 22 23

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

*grad. cresc.*

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

*f*

Gm Bb/F Bb Eb2 Eb Csus C F Bb Bb2/D

27 28 29

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

*f*

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

30 31 32

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

Gm Bb Bb/D Eb F/Eb Dm7 Gm7

33 34 35 36

I will lay me down.

Cm7 Ebm6/Gb Bb Cm/Bb Bb N.C.

*mf*

37 39

(*unis. or solo\**) *mf* Oo... oo hoo

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

Fsus F Bb Cm/Bb

*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

oo — oo hoo — oo — oo hoo —

street, my Lord, when eve - ning falls so hard.

Bb Cm/Bb Bb

43 44 45

so hard, com - fort - you.

grad. cresc.

I will com - fort - you. I'll take - your part -

Cm/Bb Bb Cm/G Bb/F Eb Bb/D Cm7 Bb F/A Gm7

46 47 48

when dark - ness comes.

Oh, when dark - ness comes

F F/A F/C Bb F/A

grad. cresc.

49 50 51 *s. f*  
 ah Like a  
 (solo melody *T. f* over full choir)  
 and pain is all a round,  
 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#

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)* *(unis.) (mel.)*

I'll be your bridge.

I will lay me down.

Cm7 Ebm6/Gb Bb Bb/D Eb6 Bb

61 62 63

o'er trou- bled wa - ter, — when you're down — *solo (or Basses)* *(unis.)*

I will car-

when you're down

64 65 66

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

67 68 69 70

me — down.

Bb Cm/BbBb Eb6/Bb Bb

*mf*



(unis. or solo\*) [C]

71 *mf* 73

Sail on sil - ver girl, sail on — by —

Sail on — sil - ver girl,

*f* *mf*

*Eb/F* *F* *Bb* *Cm/Bb*

74 75 76

no breath

Your time — has come — to shine —

sail on by —

*Bb* *Cm/Bb* *Bb*

77 78 79

(solo over full choir) *f*

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

*Cm/Bb* *Bb* *Cm/G* *Bb/F* *Eb* *Bb/D* *Cm7* *Bb* *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 Bb Bb/A

83 84 85 *(solo melody over full choir)*

right be - hind. —

look a-round, — I'm sail - ing ah — Like a

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

86 87 88

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

Eb Dm7 Cm7 Cm/Bb Bb Gm Gm7 Cm7 D9 D/F#

89 90 91

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

Gm Bb Bb/D Eb F/Eb Dm7 Gm7

*solo (or Sopranos)*  
I will ease your mind.

92 93 94 *(tutti)*

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

Cm7 Ebm6/Gb Bb Eb Eb6 Bb

*mp* — *f*

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 100 I will lay, -

Bb/D Bb/Eb Fsus

101 I will lay 102 me 103 down, 104 lay me

*cresc.* *(div.)* *f cresc.* *rit.*

F Cm7 Fsus F Bb Eb Cm7 Eb/F

*cresc.* *f cresc.* *rit.*

105 down. 106 107 108

Bbsus Bb Cm/Bb Cm/F Cm/Bb Bb

*ff* *gva* *8vb*

