

Peter Gabriel's 1992 Gospel Ballad; as performed by Vocal Line:

Washing of the Water

SSATB a cappella, opt. p, b, dr
Duration: ca. 4:05

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♩ = ca. 60 (♩ = $\frac{3}{4}$), with a gospel feeling

INTRO **D**

mel.

Tenor

mp Riv-er, riv - er car-ry me on,-- liv-ing riv - er car-ry me on,--

3 **G/D** **D** **Em/D** **D**

riv-er, riv - er car-ry me on to the place where I come from.

5 **A**

mp Riv - er, riv - er car-ry me on,-- liv-ing riv - er car-ry me on,--

A

mp Riv - er, riv - er car-ry me on,-- liv-ing riv - er car-ry me on,--

T

mp Riv - er, riv - er car-ry me on,-- liv-ing riv - er car-ry me on,--

B

mp Riv - er, riv - er car-ry me on,-- liv-ing riv - er car-ry me on,--

7 **G** **D** **Em/G** **G/A** **D**

riv-er, riv - er car-ry me on place where I come from.

A

riv-er, riv - er car-ry me on place where I come from.

T

riv-er, riv - er car-ry me on to the place where I come from.

B

riv-er, riv - er car-ry me on place where I come from.

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B VERSE 1

9 S A T B

D A7/E A/C# D

ooh ——— riv - er, riv - er car - ry me on, ——— will you

mp So deep, so wide, riv - er, riv - er car - ry me on, ———

mp ooh ———

11 S A T B

G D

take me on your back, liv - ing riv - er car - ry me on, ———

take me on your back for a ——— ride.

take me on your back, liv - ing riv - er car - ry me on, ———

13 S A T B

D A/C# G/B D/A

ri - ver, ri - ver car - ry me on, ——— would you

If I should fall ———

ri - ver, ri - ver car - ry me on, ———

15 S A T B

G D

swal - low me deep in - - side.

swal - low me deep in - - side.

swal - low me deep in - - side.

C VERSE 2

17 S1 S2 A T B

D A7/E A/C# D

mel. Riv - er show me how to float, I

ooh ——— riv - er, riv - er car - ry me on, ———

ooh ——— riv - er, riv - er car - ry me on, ———

19 S1 S2 A T B

G D

feel ——— like I'm sink - ing down.

feel like I'm sink - ing, liv - ing riv - er car - ry me on, ———

feel like I'm sink - ing, liv - ing riv - er car - ry me on, ———

21 S1 S2 A T B

D A/C# G/B D/A D/F# Gmaj7 E7/G#

Thought that I could get a - long but here in this wa - ter my

ooh ——— ri - ver, ri - ver car - ry me on, ——— ooh ———

ooh ——— ri - ver, ri - ver car - ry me on, ——— ooh ———

24 S1 S2 A T B

D/A Em/A D D/F# G6 E7/G# D/A Em/A D

feet won't touch the ground, I need some - thing to turn my - self a - round.

ooh ——— I need some - thing to turn my - self a - round.

ooh ——— I need some - thing to turn my - self a - round.

47 **Bm** **Bm/A** **Gmaj7** **E/G#** **F#7/A#**

S1 S2
so tough to stay with this thing 'cos if I fol-low through I face what I de-

A
so tough to stay with this thing 'cos if I fol-low through I face what I de-

T B
so tough to stay with this thing 'cos if I fol-low through I face what I de-

49 **Bm** **Bm/A** **Gmaj7** **E/G#** **F#7/A#**

S1 S2
nied, I'll get those hooks out of me and I'll take out the hooks that I sunk deep in your side,

A
nied, I'll get those hooks out of me and I'll take out the hooks that I sunk deep in your side,

T B
nied, I'll get those hooks out of me and I'll take out the hooks that I sunk deep in your side,

51 **Bm** **Bm/A** **Gmaj7** **G/A** **D**

S1 S2
— kill that fear of emp - ti - ness, that lone - li - ness_ I hide.

A
— kill that fear of emp - ti - ness, that lone - li - ness_ I hide.

T B
— kill that fear of emp - ti - ness, that lone - li - ness_ I hide.

G CODA

53 **D/F#** **Gmaj7** **E/G#** **D/A** **Em/A** **D** **D/F#** **Gmaj7** **E/G#**

S1 *mel.*
p Ri-ver, oh ri-ver, ri-ver run-ning deep, bring me some-thing that will

S2
p ooh

A
p ooh

T B
p ooh

56 **D/A** **Em/A** **D** **D/F#** **Gmaj7** **E/G#**

S1
let me get to sleep, in the wash-ing of the wa-ter will you

S2
p ooh

A
p ooh

T B
p ooh

58 **D/A** **Em/A** **D** **D/F#** **Gmaj7** **E/G#** **D/A** **Em/A** **D**

S1
take it all a-way, bring me some-thing to take this pain a-way.

S2
p ooh

A
p ooh

T B
p ooh