

Shall we gather at the river?

American Hymn
(Robert Lowry, 1864)
arr. Gwyn Arch

Happily ($\text{♩} = \text{c.88}$)

Piano or Organ

mf

con ped.

The piano introduction consists of four measures in 4/4 time. The right hand plays a melody of eighth notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, Bb4, A4, G4. The left hand plays a bass line of quarter notes: G3, Bb3, C4, Bb3, G3. The dynamic is mezzo-forte (mf) and the instruction 'con ped.' is written below the first measure.

5 *mf*

Solo (any voice)

1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,

The first system of the hymn begins at measure 5. The solo voice part (any voice) is written in a single treble clef staff. The piano accompaniment is written in two staves (treble and bass clefs). The lyrics are: "1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,". The dynamic is mezzo-forte (mf).

9

with its crys - tal tide for ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?

The second system of the hymn begins at measure 9. It features a solo voice line and piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "with its crys - tal tide for ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?". The piano accompaniment continues with a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.

13 *cresc.*

Tenors

Yes, we will gath - er by the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

Baritones & Basses

cresc.

Yes, we will gath - er by the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

The final system of the hymn begins at measure 13. It features two vocal parts: Tenors and Baritones & Basses. Both parts have a dynamic marking of 'cresc.' (crescendo). The lyrics are: "Yes, we will gath - er by the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;". The piano accompaniment continues with a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.

17

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

21

Small group *mp*

2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,

mp

25

we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.

29 *mf*

Tenor 1
Yes, we will gath-er by the riv - er, the beau - ti-ful, the beau - ti-ful_ riv - er;

Tenor 2
mf
Yes, by the riv - er, the beau - - ti - ful riv - er;

Baritone
mf
Yes, by the riv - er, the beau - - ti - ful riv - er;

Bass
mf
Yes, we will gath-er by the riv - er, the beau - ti-ful, the beau - ti-ful_ riv - er;

mf

33 *f*

gath - er with the saints_ at the riv - er that flows by the throne of_ God.

f
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f
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37 *p*

3. Soon we'll reach the riv - er. Soon our pil - grim - age will cease.

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