

Softly O'er the Rippling Waters

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Andante tranquillo

The musical score is presented in three systems. The first system (measures 1-4) features a bass clef with a treble clef for the right hand (RH) and a bass clef for the left hand. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/8. The melody in the RH is marked with a slur and a fermata. The left hand provides a steady accompaniment of chords. The second system (measures 5-7) continues the melody and accompaniment. The third system (measures 8-11) includes a vocal line in a treble clef with lyrics. The piano accompaniment in the left hand is marked *dim. e rall.* and includes guitar chords G and C/G. The lyrics are: 1. Soft - ly o'er _____ the rip - pling; 2. Soft - ly o'er _____ the rip - pling.

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E dim/G G G G C/G

wa - ters Wan - der strains of mel - o - dy, While the sun, in glo - ry
wa - ters Ear - ly stars in beau - ty shine, Lov - ing arms are twi - ning

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E dim/G G E7/G# D/A A7(omit 5) D D7(omit 5)

dy - ing, Sinks be - low the gold - en sea. Ech - oes on my heart are
round me, Lov - ing lips are press - ing mine. Sad yet sweet its mem' - ry's

slentando *a tempo*

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G Gm Adim C#dim D N.C.

fall - ing, Dreams of oth - er days a - rise, Hap - py
vi - sion, Sad - der still to bid fare - well! Who would

p

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G G7 C Cm *calando* G/D D7(omit5) G N.C.

dreams of dear ones dwell - ing Far in yon - der pur - ple skies
sigh could we but lin - ger, Nev - er more to break the spell!

Chorus

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D7 C/G G A7/E D7/F# G

p

Hark! Hark! the an - gels whis - per, And they waft in ho - ly pow'r, Sounds of
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G G7sus/C C Cm G/D D7 G

peace _____ to those who sor - row, In the twi - light's tran - quil hour. _____

Sounds of peace to those who sor - row, In the twi - light's tran - quil hour. _____

8 Sounds of peace to those who sor - row, In the twi - light's tran - quil hour. _____

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mf *dim.* *poco rit.*