

The Water Is Wide

13 beats introduction
on recording

Traditional
arr. Paul Jennings

The wa - ter is wide. I can - not cross o'er.

And nor have I the wings to fly.

Build me a boat that can car - ry two.

And we will go my friend and I.

- A **tie** is a curved line that connects two notes of the same letter name. The value is the sum of all the notes that are tied together.
- A **slur** means to connect the notes together and to NOT tongue between each note.
- It is helpful to *practice each slur individually* until you can play it correctly.

Featured notes:

F#

C'

D'

Things to know:

- Remember to check your **Key Signature** – all F's are F#'s throughout the entire song.
- Remember on **tied notes** not to tongue the additional note(s) – just hold for the total value of all notes that are tied together.

whole note tied to a quarter note = 5 beats

whole note = 4 beats

1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 &

Quick Facts about "The Water Is Wide":

- This is a traditional Irish folk song, published in 1906.
- The melody has been used by great composers, including Benjamin Britten.
- One of the most popular folk songs today.
- It has been performed and recorded by countless artists including Pete Seeger, Joan Baez, James Taylor, Sheryl Crow, Eva Cassidy, and more.