

Like a River

Tom Kendzia

INTRO (♩ = ca. 70)

C G/B Am G6 F C/E Dm

Keyboard *mp*

VERSE 1

Solo *mp*

1. Love is flow-ing like a riv - er, — flow-ing out of you and me, flow-ing

F/G F/C C G/B Am Am/G F C/E C F G/F

1. down from the moun-tains like a riv-er to the sea. Love is flow-ing from you and me.

F/C C C/G G Am G6 F C/G G6 G7 C G/B

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VERSE 2

**Soprano mf*

Alto

2. Peace is flow-ing like a riv - er, — flow-ing

Tenor

Bass *mf*

Am G6 F C/E Dm7 Dm7/G F/C C G/B Am Am/G

2. out of you and me, flow-ing down from the moun-tains like a riv-er to the sea. Peace is

F C/E C F G/F C/E C C/G G Am G6 F Dm7

*May be performed with a soloist singing melody and choir singing "Oo."

2. flow-ing from you and me.

C/G G6 G7 C G/B Am G6 F C/E

VERSE 3

3. Hope is flow - ing like a riv - er, — flow-ing out of you and

Dm7 F/G F/C C G/B Am C/G F C/E C

3. me, flow-ing down from the moun-tains like a riv-er to the sea. Hope is flow-ing from you and

F G/F C6/E C C/G G Am Am/G F Dm7 C/E G6 G7

BRIDGE

Cantor/Assembly

God is love, when we live in love. God is love, we live with

3. me. God is love when we live in love. God is love, live with

C F/C C C/E F G G/B F C C/E F G G/B

All

God. (live with God.) And God lives in us, and God lives in us, and God— lives in us.

F C G/B Am G6 F C/E Dm7 G6 G7 C

This system contains a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in treble clef and includes the lyrics: "God. (live with God.) And God lives in us, and God lives in us, and God— lives in us." The piano accompaniment is in grand staff (treble and bass clefs) and includes a series of chords: F, C G/B, Am, G6, F, C/E, Dm7, G6, G7, and C.

Instrument in C

mf

Oo Oo Oo

C G/B Am Am/G F C/E Dm7 F/G C F/C C

This system contains an instrumental section for a C instrument. It begins with a treble clef staff marked *mf* (mezzo-forte). Below it are two grand staff systems. The first grand staff system has a treble clef staff with notes and rests, and a bass clef staff with chords. The second grand staff system has a treble clef staff with notes and rests, and a bass clef staff with chords. The notes in the treble clef staves are marked with "Oo". The piano accompaniment includes a series of chords: C, G/B, Am, Am/G, F, C/E, Dm7, F/G, C, F/C, and C.

VERSE 4

f

4. Love is flow - ing like a riv - er, — flow - ing out of you and

f

F/C C G/B Am C C/E F C/E C C/E

4. me, flow - ing down from the moun - tains like a riv - er to the sea. Love is

F G/F C/E C C/G G Am Am/G F Dm7

4. flow-ing from you and me. Love is flow-ing from you and

C/G G6 G7 C C/E F Dm7 C/G G6 G7

Solo I: Tacet 1st time **Building in intensity**
 (Like a) riv - er, — like a riv - er, — flow - ing

Solo II
Solo III
 Like a riv - er, like a riv - er, like a riv - er flow - ing

4. me. Oo Oo

C G/B Am G6 F C/E

The musical score consists of five systems. The first system is a vocal line with lyrics: "out of you and me. Like a me." It includes a "Repeat as needed" section and a "Final" section. The second system is another vocal line with lyrics: "out of you and me. Like a riv - er, me." It also includes a "Repeat as needed" section and a "Final" section. The third system shows a vocal line with "Oo" and a piano accompaniment line. The fourth system shows a piano accompaniment line with guitar chords: Dm7, F/G, G7, C, and G/B. It includes a "Repeat as needed" section and a "Final" section.

Composer Notes

The musical inspiration for this piece comes from a variety of places, sources, and styles, including the spiritual, “I’ve Got Peace Like a River,” “Peace Is Flowing Like a River,” “Let’s Go Down to the River and Pray,” and “Peace Like a River” by Paul Simon.

In 1982, Benedictine Father Aidan Kavanaugh (1929–2006) compared the liturgy to a river: “The liturgy is like a river. At certain places, in certain times, it runs fast, clear, deep and alive; at others, sluggish, muddy, shallow, and stagnant...” “Lead Us to the Water” was my first attempt at bringing the “river” imagery into liturgical music. “Like a River” is a new way of saying the same thing. The style of this can vary according to your resources and ritual use. The recording offers a dynamic approach with percussion and a pedal steel solo by the great Tom Bleu Mortenson from Nashville. The presentation also features a stack of multiple guitars playing loops and “water” effects. The choir can sing this in four parts throughout, if desired, and this can also be led by a single voice with piano or guitar.

—Tom Kendzia

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for Neil and Janice Gouvin, September, 2010

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(Guitar/Vocal)

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INTRO (♩ = ca. 70)

C G/B Am G6 F C/E Dm
mp
 (Kbd)

VERSE 1

F/G *mp* F/C C G/B Am Am/G F C/E C F G/F
 1. Love is flow - ing like a riv - er, — flow-ing out of you and me, — flow-ing

F/C C C/G G Am G6 F C/G G6 G7
 1. down from the moun-tains like a riv-er to the sea. Love is flow-ing from you and

VERSE 2

C G/B Am G6 F C/E Dm7 Dm7/G *mf* F/C C G/B Am Am/G
 1. me. 2. Peace is flow-ing like a riv - er, — flow-ing

F C/E C F G/F C/E C C/G G Am G6 F
 2. out of you and me, — flow-ing down from the moun-tains like a riv-er to the sea.

Dm7 C/G G6 G7 C G/B Am G6 F C/E Dm7
 2. Peace is flow-ing from you and me.

VERSE 3

F/G F/C C G/B Am C/G F C/E C F G/F
 3. Hope is flow - ing like a riv - er, — flow-ing out of you and me, —

C6/E C C/G G Am Am/G F Dm7 C/E G6 G7
 3. flow-ing down from the moun-tains like a riv-er to the sea. Hope is flow-ing from you and

BRIDGE

C F/C C C/E F G G/B F C C/E F G G/B

3. me. _____ God is love _____ when we live in love. God is love, we live with

F C G/B Am G6 F C/E Dm7 G6 G7 C

God. _____ And God lives in us, and God lives in us, and God _____ lives in us.

C G/B Am Am/G F C/E Dm7 F/G C F/C C

(Instr. in C)

VERSE 4

f F/C C G/B Am C C/E F C/E C C/E F G/F

4. Love is flow - ing like a riv - er, _____ flow - ing out of _____ you and me, flow - ing

C/E C C/G G Am Am/G F Dm7 C/G G6 G7

4. down from the moun - tains like a riv - er to the sea. Love is flow - ing from you and

C C/E F Dm7 C/G G6 G7 C G/B

4. me. _____ Love is flow - ing from you and me. Like a riv - er,

Am G6 F C/E Dm7 F/G G7 **Repeat as needed** C G/B **Final** C

4. like a riv - er, like a riv - er flow - ing out of you and me. Like a riv - er, me.

Assembly Edition

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Verses



1, 4. Love }
2. Peace } is flow-ing like a riv-er, flow-ing out of you and me,
3. Hope }



1-4. flow-ing down from the moun-tains like a riv-er to the sea.

1, 2, Final
(♩) (Fine) 2 to Verses 2, 3 3 to Bridge



1, 4. Love }
2. Peace } is flow-ing from you and me. 3. me.
3. Hope }

Bridge



God is love when we live in love. God is love, we live with God. And

to Verse 4



God lives in us, and God lives in us, and God lives in us.

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