

And both shall row

A simultaneous setting of two American folksongs,
Shenandoah and *The water is wide*,
for six-part chorus (SMATRB) *a cappella*

Oh Shenandoah, I long to see you,
Away, you rolling river.
Oh Shenandoah, I long to hear you,
Away, we're bound away, across the wide Missouri.

Oh Shenandoah, I'll never leave you,
Away, you rolling river.
Oh Shenandoah, I'll not deceive you,
Away, we're bound away, across the wide Missouri.

'Tis seven long years since last I've seen you,
Away, you rolling river.
And seventy more I'll promise to you,
Away, we're bound away, across the wide Missouri.

The water is wide, I cannot cross o'er,
And neither have I wings to fly,
Give me a boat that can carry two,
And both shall row, my love and I.

Where love is planted, there it grows,
It spreads its branches, like a tree,
Love blooms in sweetness, like a rose,
With such a grace you'll never see.

Oh love is handsome and love is kind,
And love's a jewel, when first it's new,
As love lives on, it grows refined,
Like the blade of green, in the morning dew.

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For Linda and Merideth

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Flowingly ♩ = 56

S
M
A
T
R
B

Oh
Oh She - nan - doah, I long to see you, A - way, you rol - ling
Oh

p
mf
p

S
M
A
T
R
B

Oh
Oh
The water is wide, I can-not cross o'er, And nei - ther
Oh
ri - ver. Oh She - nan - doah, I long to hear you, A -
Oh

p
mf
p

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S Oh

M Oh

A have I wings to fly, Give me a boat that can car - ry

T *p* A - cross the wide Mis - sou - - - -

R way, we're bound a - way, A - cross the wide Mis - sou - - - -

B Oh

S *mf* Oh

M *p* And both shall row, my love and

A two, And both shall row, my love and I.

T ri. And both shall row, my love and

R ri. both my love and

B *mp* my love and

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S She - nan - doah, I'll ne - ver leave you, A - way, you rol - ling

M *mp* She - nan - doah, She - nan - doah, A - way, you

A *p* Oh

T *mp* She - nan - doah, She - nan - doah, A - way, you rol - ling

R *mf* l. *p* Oh

B *mf* l.

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S ri - ver. Oh She - nan - doah, I'll not de - ceive you, A -

M rol - ling ri - ver. Where love is plan - ted, there it grows,

A Oh

T *mf* ri - ver. Where love is plan - ted, there it grows,

R Oh

B *f* Where love is plan - ted, there it grows, It spreads its

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S way, we're bound a - way, A - cross the wide Mis - sou - - -

M its bran - ches, like a tree, Love blooms in sweet - - - ness, like a

A Oh

T its bran - ches, like a tree, A - cross the wide Mis - sou - - -

R

B bran - - - ches, like a tree, Love blooms in sweet - - - ness, like a

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S ri. sweet - - - - - ness, like a

M rose, With such a grace you'll ne - ver see.

A Love blooms in sweet - - - - - ness, like a

T ri. 'Tis

R Love blooms in sweet - - - - - ness, like a

B rose, With such a grace you'll ne - ver see.

mp

f

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