Come To The Water

Isaiah 55:1,2; Matthew 11:28–30

John Foley, S.J.
Piano Accompaniment by Rick Modlin

INTRO: Medium tempo, prayerful (\( \frac{3}{4} \) \( \text{ca. 50} \))

VERSES:

1. O let all who
2. And let all who
3. And let all who
4. And let all the

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1. thirst, let them come
2. seek, let them come
3. toil, let them come
4. poor, let them come

Come To The Water
1. And let all who have nothing, come to the Lord:
2. And let all who have nothing, come to the Lord:
3. And let all who are weary, come to the Lord:
4. Bring the ones who are laden, come to the Lord:

Come To The Water
1. without money, without
2. without money, without
3. all who labor, without
4. bring the children, without

1. price. Why should you
2. strife. Why should you
3. rest. How can your
4. might. Easy the
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1. pay the price, except for the
2. spend your life, except for the
3. soul find rest, except for the
4. load and light: come to the

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Come To The Water, with its exhortation to receive the Lord’s life, has been very popular wherever it has been used. Its “feel” is extremely important. Each Verse must grow in volume and intensity, reflecting the tension between waiting for God’s plenty even while receiving it. To say it another way, *Come To The Water* must combine gentleness with an unmistakable power and forward drive.

A four-part choir or a multi-voiced singing group will produce good results, but a duo could also perform it—one voice on melody, one on harmony. Assemblies should always be given the chance to join in, especially since it is a congregational favorite.

Singers might do well to sing “ah” on the melody several times in practice, in order to achieve the necessary smooth or *legato* phrase. The four notes on the word “Lord” at the end of the song need only be sung accurately and easily; they should not be “punched” out.

*Come To The Water* fits many liturgical situations, including marriages and ordinations, as well as meditation points in regular liturgies.

—J.F.
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(Guitar/Vocal)

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VERSES:

1. O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.
2. And let all who seek, let them come to the water.
3. And let all who toil, let them come to the water.
4. And let all who poor, let them come to the water.

1. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without price.
2. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without strife.
3. And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord: without rest.
4. Bring the ones who are laden, bring them to the Lord: all who.

1. Bring the children with might.
2. Bring the money, without price.
3. Bring the money, without strife.
4. Bring the children with might.

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1. Why should you pay the price, except for the
2. Why should you spend your life, except for the
3. How can your soul find rest, except for the
4. Easy the load and light: come to the

Guitar Chord Chart

G/D
Come To The Water

*OBOE or SOLO INSTRUMENT

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VERSE 1:

VERSE 2:

VERSE 3:

VERSE 4:

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*Alternate transcription for Bassoon found on page 11.
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*BASSOON

INTRO: Medium tempo, prayerful

( \( \dot{d} = \text{ca. 50} \) )

Verse 1:  

Verse 2:  

Verse 3:  

Verse 4:  

Come to the Lord.  

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*This alternate Bassoon transcription can be used in place of other solo instruments.
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1. O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.
2. And let all who seek, let them come to the water.
3. And let all who toil, let them come to the water.
4. And let all who need, let them come to the water.

1. And let all who have nothing, bring the ones who are laden.
2. And let all who have nothing, bring the ones who are laden.
3. And let all who are weary, bring the ones who are laden.
4. Bring the ones who are laden.

1. Why should you pay the without price.
2. Why should you spend your life.
3. How can your soul find rest?
4. Easy the load and light come to the Lord.

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