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# A Fable

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♩ = 112

Sopr. & Altos

Ten. & Basses

Our re - lec - tions are

Rest - ing by the wa - ter - side the plane tree and I,

4

4

thrown on the wa - ter, The spark - le of the wa - ter hits us

the plane tree's and mine.

7

7

the plane tree and me. Rest - ing by the wa - ter - side the

10

10

and the cat. Our re - flec - tions are

plane tree, I

13  
 thrown on the wa - ter. and the cat's. The  
 13  
 the plane tree's, mine

16  
 spark - le of the wa - ter hits us, Ah, the  
 16  
 The spark - le of the wa - ter hits the

19  
 plane tree, me and the cat. I, the  
 19  
 plane tree, me, and the cat. Rest - ing by the wa - ter - side the plane tree, I, the

23  
 cat, and the sun. Our re - flec - tions are thrown on the wa - ter.  
 23  
 cat, and the sun. Our re - - - flec - tions: the

26  
 mine, the cat's and the sun's. The spark - le of the wa - ter hits the  
 26  
 plane tree's mine, - 2 - the cat's and the

29  
 plane tree, me, the cat and the sun.  
 29  
 sun's, tree, me, cat and

32  
 Rest - ing by the wa - ter - side the plane tree the cat and our life.  
 32  
 sun. I, the sun,

36  
 Our re - flec - tions are thrown on the wa - ter the plane tree's  
 36  
 Our re - flec - tions are thrown on the wa - ter.

40  
 the cat's and our life's. The spark - le of the wa - ter hits us,  
 40  
 mine, the sun's and our life's. The spark - le of the

44  
 the plane tree, me, the cat, the sun, and our  
 44  
 wa - ter hits the plane tree, me the - 3 - cat, the sun, and our

47 Slower  $\text{♩} = 96$

life. *p* Rest-ing by the wa-ter side. First the cat will go,

life.

51

its re-flec-tion lost up-on the wa-ter. Then I will go,

54

my re-flec-tion lost up-on the wa-ter. Then the plane tree will

57

go. Its re-flec-tion lost on the wa-ter.

61

Then the wa-ter will go. The sun will re-main, then it

Faster ♩ = 104

65 too will go. *mf* Rest - ing by the wa - ter - side the plane tree, I, the

69 cat, the sun, and our life. The wa - ter is cool. The plane tree is spread - ing.

our life. Oo

73 I am writ - ing this song. The sun is warm. It's

spread - ing, Oo,

76 great to be a - live. The spark - le of the wa - ter hits us. The

It's great to be a - live. Ah!

80 plane tree, me, the cat, the sun, and our life.