

Colin Sandquist

**Life and Love**

## Composers Note:

*Life and Love* is a poem written by Colin Wood from British Columbia. He describes the work as a visual painting of the west coast culture and nature thereof. To me the word "river" and its connection to the everflowing events of BC gave the music a necessity for text painting. The need for the Piano mostly con pedal added to this flow like structure. I too have been to BC on multiple occasions and I feel this work portrays the coast serenity and calmness.

### *Theme 1 and Outro:*

Where the river bends,  
By the mountain grey - I rested ever listening,  
'Neath blossomed trees in May.

To larks and thrushes singing,  
Through the azure skies - Their hearts and voices bursting,  
Of love that never dies.

### *Theme 2*

Now that winter quickens,  
And trees are stark and bare - We recall and we cherish,  
The memories we now share

Of hope and exultation,  
Of harmony and peace.  
For life and expectation,  
Our love will never cease.

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Text by: Colin JB Wood

Theme # 1:

Music By: Colin Sandquist

♩ = 46

*mf*

SOPRANO

Ri - ver Ri - ver

ALTO

Where the Ri - ver Be - n ds ('ah vowel') By the

TENOR

BASS

Piano

♩ = 46

*mf*

*p*

Ped.

4

Ri - ver Ri - ver Ri - ver Fly

Moun- tain of Grey I Res- ted E - ver

Ri - ver Ri - ver Fly

Em D

Ri - ver Ri - ver down no sing -  
list - ening ne - ath blo - ssom trees in May  
Ri - ver To Lar - ks  
Ri - ver To the Ri - ver

*mf*

3

**A**

ing sing - ing sing ing sing -  
and thru - shes Through the a - zu - re Skies  
Through a - zu - re Skies

**A** A D7 Em D

*Red.*

ing Ri - ver Fly Ri - ver Ri -  
 the-ir hearts and voi - ces bur - sti - ng  
 the-ir hearts and voi - ces bur - sti - ng of love

**B** Theme # 2:

ver oh Ri - ver down and trees are bare  
 sing - ing sing - ing sing -  
 that ne -ver dies

Now that Win - ter qui - ckens and trees are bare

**B**

3 G F B G

C

Of Ho-pe and ex-ul-ta-tion Of  
 ing sing-ing Ri-ver Fly Ri-ver Ri-ver oh Ri-  
 Of Ho-pe and ex-ul-ta-tion Of  
 we-re-call and cher-ish all the mem-ories we share Fly down stream in Ri-

C

D B A D B

har-mo-ny and pea-ce For life and ex-pec ta-tio-n  
 ver For life and ex-pec ta-tio-n For life Our  
 har-mo-ny and peace  
 ver Ri-ver Ri-ver Ri-ver

F A D A D Em B A

**D**

Outro:

29

*mf*

love will ne - ver cease Ri - ver

Where the Ri - ver Be - nds

love will ne - ver cease Ri - ver Ben -

Ri - ver will not cease Where the Ri - ver Ben -

**D**

D

A

G<sup>7</sup> A

*mf*

*p*

Ped.

32

Ri - ver Ri - ver Ri - ver

up - wards By the Moun- tain Grey

ds oh! By the Moun- tain Grey

D<sup>7</sup> Em D

rit. . . . .

35

*p*

Ri - ver Fly Ri - ver Ri - ver Fly -- Ah!

Res- ted E - ver list - ning ne - ath blo - ssom trees in May

8

Res- ted E - ver list - ning ne - ath blo - ssom trees in May

*p*

I Res- ted E - ver list - ning ne - ath blo - ssom trees in May

rit. . . . .

3