

# Wade in the water

Text: African American Spiritual

Music: African American Spiritual

WADE IN THE WATER irregular with refrain

The musical score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The bass line is indicated by chords in the bass staff. The score is divided into four systems, each with a key signature change to F major (two flats) for the second system and back to G major for the third and fourth systems. The first system starts with an Em chord and ends with a B chord. The second system starts with an Em chord and ends with a B7 chord. The third system starts with an Em chord and ends with a B7 chord. The fourth system starts with a Leader part and ends with a D.C. (Da Capo) instruction. The lyrics are: 'Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren, oh, wade in the wa - ter. God's gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. oh, 1 See that host all dressed in white, God's gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter. The lead - er looks like the Is - rael-ite. God's gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.' The score includes various musical notations such as whole, half, quarter, and eighth notes, rests, and ties. The lyrics are written below the staff, with some words hyphenated across measures.

Em B Em

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,  
oh,

Em B7 Em Fine

wade in the wa - ter. God's gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.  
oh,

Em Leader B7 Em

1 See that host all dressed in white, God's gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.

Leader All B7 Em D.C.

The lead - er looks like the Is - rael-ite. God's gon-na trou-ble the wa - ter.

2. See that band all dressed in red...  
Looks like the band that Moses led...
3. If you don't believe I've been redeemed...  
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream...