

## Museum on Main Street, Smithsonian Institution

### Take Me to the Water, Maryland

As told by Lansdowne High School Students

Ellicott City, Maryland

When The Historical Society of Baltimore County (HSBC) asked students at Lansdowne High School (LHS) to document the history of flooding in nearby Ellicott City after a second historic flood occurred in 2018 in as many years, the LHS Honors Choir performed this interpretation of "Take Me to the Water" at Ellicott City landmarks. The music video is a tribute to the city and its people. It was produced by Tyrone Flowers and Katie Clarke. Watch the accompanying documentary short film ["Waterways of Ellicott City."](#)

#### Story Narrative:

Take me to the water ♪ ♪ Take me ♪ ♪ Take me to sea ♪ ♪ Take me ♪ ♪ Take me to the river ♪ ♪ So that my spirit can be free ♪ ♪ Gonna lay my burdens down ♪ ♪ Down by, down by the riverside ♪ ♪ Down by, gonna wade in the water ♪ ♪ The water that flows both deep and wide ♪ ♪ Take me, take me, take me to the water ♪ ♪ Gonna lay down my burden, down by, down by the riverside ♪ ♪ Down by, down by the riverside ♪ ♪ Down by, down by the riverside ♪ ♪ Gonna lay down my burden, down by, down the riverside ♪ ♪ Take me, take me, take me to the water ♪ ♪ Take me to the water, take me ♪ ♪ Take me to the sea, take me ♪ ♪ Take me to the river so that my spirit can be free ♪ ♪ Gonna lay my burdens down, down by ♪ ♪ Down by the riverside, down by ♪ ♪ Wade in the water, the water that flows ♪ ♪ Both deep and wide ♪ ♪ Take me, take me, take me to the water ♪ ♪ Gonna lay down my sword and shield down by . . .

Down by the riverside, down by, down by the riverside ♪ ♪ Down by, down by the riverside ♪ ♪ Gonna lay down my sword and shield down by ♪ ♪ Down by the riverside ♪ ♪ Take me, take me, take me to the water ♪ ♪ Wade, wade in the, wade in the water, children ♪ ♪ Wade, wade in the, wade in the water, children ♪ ♪ Wade, wade in the, wade in the water, children ♪ ♪ Gods are gonna trouble the water ♪ ♪ Oh, take me to the water, take me to the sea ♪ ♪ Take me to the water, set my spirit free ♪ ♪ Oh, take me to the water, take me to the sea ♪ ♪ Take me to the water, set my spirit free ♪ ♪ Oh, take me to the water, take me to the sea ♪ ♪ Take me to the water, set my spirit free ♪ ♪ Oh, take me to the water, take me to the sea ♪ ♪ Take me to the water, set my spirit free ♪ ♪ Oh, take me to the water . . .

Down by the riverside ♪ ♪ Down by the riverside ♪ ♪ Take me to the sea ♪ ♪ Down by the riverside ♪ ♪ Take me to the water ♪ ♪ Down by the riverside ♪ ♪ Set my spirit free ♪ ♪ Oh, take me to the water ♪ ♪ Down by the riverside ♪ ♪ Take me to the sea ♪ ♪ Down by the riverside ♪ ♪ Down by the riverside ♪ ♪ Take me to the water ♪ ♪ Set my

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