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for the 2024 Junior High All-State Honor Choir

If the River Leaves without me

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Searching ♩ = 63

SOPRANO SOLO

p

At the

SOPRANO 1
SOPRANO 2

ALTO 1
ALTO 2

PIANO

p

con Ped.

3

edge of my own life, Step-ping out of the

pp

p

The musical score is written for Soprano Solo, Soprano 1, Soprano 2, Alto 1, Alto 2, and Piano. The key signature has four flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, D-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The tempo is marked 'Searching' with a quarter note equal to 63 beats per minute. The score begins with a piano introduction in the piano part, marked 'p' and 'con Ped.', featuring a flowing melody in the right hand and a steady bass line in the left hand. The vocal parts enter with the lyrics 'At the edge of my own life, Step-ping out of the'. The Soprano Solo part has a melodic line with a crescendo leading to a forte 'p' dynamic. The other vocal parts have rests. The piano part continues with a similar texture, marked 'pp' and 'p'.

Duration: 4 mins

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ri - ver, ___

p ————— *mp*

And the ri - - - ver leaves with-

unis. p ————— *mp*

And the ri - - - ver leaves with-

p ————— *mp* **Flowing**

S. 1 - out me, with - out me, ___ And the *mp*

S. 2 - out me, with - out me, ___ And the *mp*

A. - out me, with - out me, with - out ___ me. And the *mp* **Flowing**

pp *p*

8va

ri - - - ver leaves with-out me, and the

A. 1

ri - - - ver leaves with-out me, and the

A. 2

mp

13

ri - - - ver leaves with-out me, and the

ri - - - ver leaves with-out me, and the

15

mf *p*

ri - - - ver leaves with-out me, with -

ri - - - ver leaves with-out me, with -

mf *p*

17

mp

- out me. And the

- out me, with - out me.

p *mp*