

Ripple

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INTRO: ~~| G | G | C | C | C | C | C | G |~~
 ~~| G | G | C | C | G | D | C | G* |~~

V1:

If my words did glow ^{| G |} with the gold of sunshine ^{| C |}
 And my tunes ^{| C |} were played on the harp unstrung ^{| G |}
 Would you hear my voice ^{| |} come through the music ^{| C | C |}
 Would you hold ^{| G |} it near ^{| D |} as it were your own ^{| C | G* |} > INTRO LINE

V2:

It's a hand-me-down ^{| G |} the thoughts are broken ^{| C | C |}
 Perhaps ^{| C |} they're better ^{| |} left ^{| G |} unsung
 I don't know ^{| G |}, don't really care ^{| C | C |}
 Let ^{| G |} there be songs ^{| D | C |} to fill the air ^{| G | G |}

CHO:

Am ^{| |} Ripple ^{| D |} in still water ^{| |} When there is no pebble tossed ^{| G | C |}
 Nor wind to blow ^{| A | D* |}

V3:

Reach out your hand ^{| G |} if your cup be empty ^{| C | C |}
 If your cup ^{| C |} is full ^{| |} may it be ^{| G |} again
 Let it be known ^{| G |} there is a fountain ^{| C | C |}
 That ^{| G |} was not made ^{| D | C |} by the hands of men ^{| G* |}

V4:

There is a road___, no simple highway
 Between___ the dawn___ and the dark___ of night
 And if you go___ no one may follow
 That path___ is for___ your steps a - lone

CHO:

Am
 Ripple___ in still water When there is no pebble tossed
 Nor wind to blow

V5:

You who choose___ to lead___ must follow
 But if___ you fall___ you fall___ a - lone
 If you should stand___ then who's to guide you?
 If I knew___ the way___ I would take you home

OUTRO:

La-n da da da___, la da da da da___ da___
 da da da, da da, da da da___ da___ da___
 La-n da da da___, la da da da da___ da___

~~Da da da da___, da da da da___ da___~~
 If I knew the way I would take you home

* single strum (last line, single strum)