

# Wade in the Water

## Introduction:

We are going to sing a song called Wade in the Water.

In the days of slavery, slaves in the South sometimes escaped to freedom in the North.

They helped each other escape by explaining the way to freedom in songs.

The songs had a secret code explaining the best way to go.

Our song describes a way for slaves to get away from the people who followed them to take them back to slavery.

Since it is very hard to find a person traveling through water, they told each other to Wade in the Water.

## Song

### Chorus:

Wade in the water.  
Wade in the water, children.  
Wade in the water.  
God's gonna trouble the water.

Who's that yonder dressed in red?  
Wade in the water.  
Must be the children that Moses led.  
God's gonna trouble the water.

### Chorus:

If you get there before I do,  
Wade in the water.  
Tell my friends I'm coming too.  
God's gonna trouble the water.

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