

BESIDE THE WATER

RYB AN AVON

TRADITIONAL CORNISH AIR

Am C Am Em Am Em

5 Am C Am D Am

9 Em Am C Em Am Em

13 Am C Am C Em Am

X:1

K: A dorian

M; 4/4

L: 1/8

T: Beside the Water - Ryb an Avon

E2 | "Am"A3 B cB A2 | ef g4 "Em"ed | "Am"cedc "G" BdcB | "Am(F)"A2 AG EDEG |
"Am"A3 B cB A2 | "Em"ef g4fg | "D"a2 fe defd | "Em"e4> ef |
"C"g2 fe "D"a2 a2 | "Em" gagf e3 d | "Am" c2 A2 A2 BA | "Em"G3F E2E2 |
| "Am"A3 B cB A2 | "Em" ef g2 "D"a2 ed | "Am"cedc "G"BdcB | "Am"AGEG A2 |]

Ryb An Avon was first collected and published in 1905. The original Cornish words to the song have been lost. During the 1970s folk revival the tune was rediscovered. Several sets of lyrics have been attached to the melody.

Some contemporary performers play the melody in 3|4 time - a waltz. Some play the original 4|4 version as a fast reel. Others play *Ryb an Avon* as a melancholy air. The versatility of this melody makes it a popular and enduring tune.