

The Drink I'll Use

1. The drink I'll use will not be wine, How - ev - er spar - kl'ng it may be;
 2. The drink I'll use will not be beer, For e - ven that may bring the woe,
 3. The drink I'll use will not be ale, How - ev - er harm - less it may seem;
 4. The drink I'll use will not be - gin, Nor rum nor bran - dy, nor old rye;

For in it lurks the ad - der's sting, Al - tho' its fangs I may not see.
 The bit - ter sor - rows, wound and tears, And lay its tens of thou - sands low.
 That too may cause the sad, sad wail, And sink be - yond hope's cheer - ing gleam.
 For if I do, how dread the tho't, The drunk - ard's death I too may die.

Chorus

From al - co - hol - ic poi - son free, My drink shall
 From al - co - hol and poi - son free,

pure cold wa - ter be; The crys - tal stream,
 My drink shall pure cold wa - ter be; The crys - tal stream

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that flow-eth by, Shall quench my thirst when I am dry.
that flow - eth by, Shall quench my thirst

Rit...

The musical score consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 7/4 time signature. It features a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic foundation for the vocal line. The piece concludes with a 'Rit...' (ritardando) marking and a double bar line.