Beside the Lake

A worship song for Elk Creek Baptist Church

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Verse 1
They raised a house of wood where the cemetery lies,
Then fired their own brick beneath Louisa skies.
They crossed the road for water at the spring,
Gave the land in pieces as the church grew in.
Now the farms and fields lie quiet, deep and wide,
And we're singing where they carried buckets, side by side.

Pre-Chorus
Light through the glass, and leaves along the shore,
A cross above the water and an open door.



Chorus
The spring became the lake, and You are here,
Jesus on the shore through every year.
From the meeting house to the lakeside,
You've never left Your people's side.
Let the water tell what grace has done:
Down to die and rise in the Son.
The spring became the lake, and You are here.

Verse 2
They dammed the creek in eighteen thirty-four
To wade each new believer to the shore.
Then came the bigger dam in nineteen seventy-two,
Planned for three years, and eighteen months came through.
Now steps go down the dock into the blue,
And the water's waiting still for someone new.

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge
Jesus, You never waited for us at the door,
You met us where we were, along the shore.
Two hundred miles of shoreline, and the radio carries through,
Boats drift in to listen, and those who'd never come can hear You too.
The lake is young, the Lord is older,
Every stone behind us says You kept Your word.
What You began beside the creek, You'll finish by the shore.

Chorus

Outro
The spring became the lake…
Before the lake, You were here…
Jesus, You are here.

SUGGESTED ORDER
Verse 1 → Pre-Chorus → Chorus → Verse 2 → Pre-Chorus → Chorus → Bridge → Chorus → Outro