

## Have You Heard?

Underneath the ripples lies a life that sings!  
Have you heard the water when it rings?

Spoken language is not the only  
Means of communication for the lonely;  
Have you heard the water talk?

Chuckling, rumbling, giggling, grumbling...

Telling a tale of happiness in its sharing,  
In its sadness, and in its caring;  
Have you heard the water rock?

Refining, sifting, taking, and leaving  
To each and all who stop along the way;  
Have you heard the water has to say?

If you stop and listen long, you will hear  
The life existing close to us all, so near.

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