

# The Water is Wide

Traditional



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nor do I [Am] have [F] light wings to [G] fly.  
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[F] and both shall [C] row, [G] my love and [C] I.

There is a ship, [F] and it sails the [C] sea,  
she's loaded [Am] deep, [F] as deep can [G] be,  
But not so [Em] deep as the love I'm [Am] in,  
[F] I know not how [C] how [G] I sink or [C] swim.

I leaned my back [F] against an [C] oak  
Thinking it [Am] was a [F] trusty [G] tree  
But first it [Em] bent and [Em] then it [F] broke  
Just as my [C] love proved [G] false to [C] me

Love is gentle is [C] young, [F] and love is [C] kind,  
Just like a [Am] flower [F] when first it's [G] new.  
But love grows [Em] old and waxes [C] cold,  
[F] and fades a [C] way [G] like the morning [C] dew.

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