

Fare Thee Well (Dink's Song) Traditional

 D/// G/ D
 If I had wings like Noah's dove
 Bm/// A/ G
 I'd fly up the river to the one I love
 D/// G/ D// A// D D
 Fare thee well my honey fare thee well

 D/// G/ D
 Well I had a man who was long and tall
 Bm/// A/ G
 Who moved his body like a cannon ball
 D/// G/ D// A// D D
 Fare thee well my honey fare thee well

 D/// G/ D
 I remember one evening in the pouring rain
 Bm/// A/ G
 In my heart was an aching pain
 D/// G/ D// A// D D
 Fare thee well my honey fare thee well

 D/// G/ D
 Bloody river was muddy and wild
 Bm/// A/ G
 Can't give a bloody for my unborn child
 D/// G/ D// A// D D
 Fare thee well my honey fare thee well

 D/// G/ D
 Sure as a bird flying high above
 Bm/// A/ G
 Life ain't worth living without the one you love
 D/// G/ D// A// D D
 Fare thee well my honey fare thee well
 D/// G/ D// A// D
 Fare thee well my honey fare thee well

"Traditional." So much history encapsulated in a single word. First off, "Fare Thee Well" is also the title of a traditional English folk song from the 1700s. This song, however, was captured by the pioneering ethnomusicologist John Lomax in 1909. It is formally called "Dink's Song" after the woman who was recorded singing it while she was washing clothes. Unfortunately, the original recording has been lost.

Traditional songs tend to have rather fluid lyrics. This version is from Oscar Isaac and Marcus Mumford. The first three verses align with Dink's lyrics.

