

The Water Is Wide

(Traditional)

Time Signature: 3/4

Chords: Am, C, Em, F, Fm, G

Tempo: 80 - 100 BPM

[INTRO]

C F C Am G Em C G C

[CHORUS]

 C F C
The water is wide, I cannot cross o'er.
 Am G
And neither have I the wings to fly.
 Em Fm C
Build me a boat that can carry two,
 G C
And both shall row, my love and I

[VERSE 1]

 C F C
There is a ship and she sails the seas.
 Am G
She's laden deep, as deep as can be;
 Em Fm C
But not so deep as the love I'm in
 G C
And I know not if I sink or swim.

[VERSE 2]

 C F C
I lean'd my back against an oak
 Am G
Thinking that it was a mighty tree
 Em Fm C
But first it bent and then it broke
 G C
So did my love prove false to me

[VERSE 3]

 C F C
I put my hand in some soft bush
 Am G
Thinking the sweetest flow'r to find
 Em Fm C
I prick'd my finger to the bone
 G C
And left the sweetest flow'r behind

[VERSE 4]

O love is gentle and love is kind
Bright as a jewel when first it's new
but love grows old and waxes cold
And fades away like the morning dew

[VERSE 5]

Must I go bound while you go free
Must I love one who doesn't love me
Must I be born with so little art
As to love one who'll break my heart

[VERSE 6]

When cockle shells turn silver bells
Then will my love come back to me
When roses bloom in winter's gloom
Then will my love return to me

[CHORUS]

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And both shall row, my love and I