

Water Is Wide traditional

D *D* *G* *D*
There is a ship, and she sails the sea.
D *Bm* *Em7* *A*
She's loaded deep, as deep can be,
A7 *F#m* *Em7* *F#*
But not as deep as the love I'm in.
G *D* *A7* *D*
I know not if I sink or swim.

I leaned my back against an oak
Thinking it was a trusty tree
But first it bent and then it broke
Just as my love proved false to me

I reached my finger into some soft bush
Thinking the fairest flower to find
I pricked my finger to the bone
And left the fairest flower behind

Oh, love is gentle, and love is kind
The sweetest flower when first it's new
But love grows old and waxes cold
And fades away like the mornin' dew

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

The water is wide, I cannot get o'er
Neither have I the wings to fly
Give me a boat that can carry two
And both shall row my love and I

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
Then will my love return to me

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(Also uses A7sus for A and G for Em)

*G*_(½) *A*_(½) *D*
The water is wide
G *D*
I can't cross over
D/C# *Bm*
And neither have
Em *Asus4*
I wings to fly
A *F#m*
Build me a boat
*D7sus4*_(½) *D7*_(½) *Bm*
That can carry two
G6 *F#m*
And both shall row
A *D*
My love and I

There is a ship
And she sails the sea
She's loaded deep
As deep can be
But not so deep
As the love I'm in
I know not how
I sink or swim

Oh love is handsome
And love is fine
The sweetest flower
When first it's new
But love grows old
And waxes cold
And fades away
Like summer dew

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I can't cross over
And neither have
I wings to fly
Build me a boat
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