

The Water is Wide

British Folk Song
Beautiful Chord Colours

SONG PROJECT

[F]The water is wide, [B ♭] I cannot get [F]o'er
And neither [Dm]have [B ♭] I wings to [C]fly [C7]
Give me a [Am]boat that will carry [Dm]two, [B ♭]
And both shall [F/C]row, [C]my love and [F]I.

[F]O, down in the meadows [B ♭]the other [F]day,
A-gath'ring [Dm]flowers both [F/C]fine and [Gm7]gay, [C7]
A-gath'ring [F]flowers both red and [Dm]blue, [F/C][B ♭]
I little [F/C]thought [Gm7]what [C7]love can [F]do.

[F]I leaned my back [Dm][Gm7]up a[C7]gainst some [F]oak, [Fsus4][F]
Thinking that [Dm]he [Dm7]was a trusty [B ♭]tree [C9]
But first he [Am7][F7]bended and then he [B ♭]broke, [B ♭ maj7]
[Gm7]And so did [F/C]my [Csus4]false [C7]love to [F]me.

[C7]A ship there [F]is, [Fsus4]and she sails the [F6]sea,
She's [Am7]loaded [Dm]deep [F/C]as]deep can be, [B ♭][Gm][Csus4]
But not so [Am]deep as the love I'm [Dm]in [B ♭ 6]
I know not [F/C]if [C]I sink or [Dm]swim [F/C][F]

[C7]O, love is [F]handsome [B ♭]and love is [F]fine,
And love's a [Dm]jewel [B ♭]while it is [C]new, [C7]
But when it is [Am]old, it groweth [Dm]cold, [B ♭]
And fades a[F/C]way [C]like morning [F]dew. [B ♭][Fsus4][F]

Arr. Fingertips, 2026

